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The danger of being a sibling



## Thatcher 'ready to cut ties with Conservative Party'

ARONESS Thatcher is preparing to leave the Conservative Party, which she led for 15 turbulent years, and support Sir James Gold-smith's Referendum Party in the general election, according to bizarre rumours circulating among rightwing anti-The rumours, emphatically denied by Thatcher admirers,

"She has a problem because she really doesn't have much faith in the existing regime," one leading Tory Eurosceptic conceded. Mr Major already faces a tough autumn on Europe, with a close Com-mons vote on his handling of the BSE crisis and probable

Goldsmith supporters who believe the former prime minister's disenchantment with
John Major's compromises
over Europe has reached the
point where she is contemplating a showdown.

"She has a problem because
she really doesn't have much dismissed the speculation as "drunken bub talk".

But the former prime min ister — who has been holiday ing quietly in Scotland - is already salling close to the po-litical wind. She has let it be known that she will not cam-

paign for anti-referendum Tories in the election, and stepped in to donate money to Bill Cash's European Founda-tion after Downing St insisted the MP stop taking donations from Sir James. A discreet campaign is under way by leading Major

loyalists to persuade the Prime Minister's predecessor to pull her punches when she delivers the Ridley Lecture in honour of her late Euroscep-

bership of Mr Major's team prevents outright support for the Thatcher line on Europe. Lady Thatcher's private office, now run by Julian Seymour, former finance director of Sir Tim Bell's PR group, offered no comment last

going ballistic in that lecture. But she's been persuaded not to do anything silly. She'll be perfectly well behaved," predicted the MP, whose mem-

believe Mr Major can be per-suaded to reject British par-

ticipation in a single cur-rency in the lifetime of the next parliament argue that a policy switch on Europe could rescue a fifth election victory for their party against the supposedly Europhile Tony Blair. Mr Cash's European Foun-

dation and the Bruges Group are planning a high-profile meeting at the Tory conference in Bournemouth on Oc-tober 6, to be addressed by ex-Treasury minister who

michael Heseltine and Ken-neth Clarke, are determined to keep the single currency option open. The Chancellor, who reluctantly conceded the promise to grant a referen-dum if Britain decides to join the new "auro" currents. the new "euro" currency, has hinted at resignation if pushed too far.

Their slogan will be "Europe and Election-Winner".

But Tory sceptics know that key ministers, notably Michael Heseltine and Kenner and Clarks are determined.

Sir James, who founded the Referendum Party with £20 million of his own fortune,

sees the single currency as a side issue. He is threatening to run candidates against MPs from the main parties who do not endorse his own call for a referendum on the European

Union's federalist agenda.
The billionaire financier who is already a French MEP, claims 30,000 active supporters for his British party and plans to unveil his candidates list at his first party conference in Brighton on October 19. Ten regional parties with full-time staff have been set

'They know they will go to a hideous death if they do not remain here'

## Running from Saddam

Six Iraqi women being held at Gatwick **Immigration** Centre after arriving on board the hijacked Sudan Airways jet on Tuesday are seeking asylum in Britain fleeing from Saddam Hussein's brutal regime. Today, for the first time, the Guardian can reveal their desperate attempts to find refuge after their persecution and imprisonment in Iraq and the murder of their dissident

## Desperately seeking refuge





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- The women fled long in the early 1990s and were enruggled into Jordan (1). They have been living in hiding aloos. They have been to Yemen (2), beick to Jordan (3) and most recently to Sudan (4). In all the countries they have made view applications to Britain,
- Ruwalt but found the borders heavily patrolled by lasqi soldiers and gave up. They finally anived

relatives.

ASRA was the epicentre of the brief but bloody uprising that Iraq after the allied victory over Saddam Hussein. Vengeance came quickly and brutally for the rag-tag Shi'ite Muslim rebels, with thousands killed or driven into exile in Iran or into hiding in the nearby marshes. Some dead were left to rot where they fell. Others were strung up on telephone

poles.
The signal for the rising was given on March 1 1991 by a Republican Guard tank. All the women are related driver, returning from the slaughter in Kuwait, who fired his cannon at a giant portrait of Saddam. Ba'ath party officials and secret were executed by Saddam's samulations of the samulation of th policemen were brutally shughtered before a govern-ment counter-offensive wiped out the opposition.

The six Iraqi women — a mother in her 50s, her four daughters aged between 18 and 28 and another woman related to one of the male hijackers by marriage — claim they did not know they were coming to Britain. The plane left Khartoum and was bound

who do not want to be identi-fied because of the risk to relatives at home, was graphically described yesterday by David Watts, an Essex lawyer, who has been advising them since their arrest at Stansed Alport. security officers.

She learnt of the death of the second son when the Iraqi security forces presented her

out the opposition.

One witness saw 400 people executed. Other civilians were used as human shields. Resistance continued sporadically but had died out by the end of March.

The conflict shattered families and flung their remnants throughout the Middle East in the frantic search for

in prison.

Also with the party are the two children of one of the detained women, a girl aged eight, and a boy aged five.

The oldest of the women has heart trouble and receives daily medication.

About four years ago, said Mr Watts, the women fied iraq and were smuggled into Jordan. Since then they have been to Yemen, back to Jordan and most recently to Sudan, all the time moving from one safe house to another for feer of detection by the Iraqi security services.

In each country all six had made explications for a vice made suplications for a visa to Britain, the Netherlands, Cameda and Italy but had been refused each time, be-

Mr watts said that through of armed police officers stand-his own interpreter, the ing there and assumed that women had told him they had led a life virtually in hiding for the past three or four reached the ground. It took a years, dependent for their great deal of persuading that

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safety. On Tuesday, six of the streament during their time safety on help from groups op-survivors found themselves in prison.

Also with the party are the months ago they tried to group. Ruwait as a possible refuge but found that Iraqi soldiers were still guarding every border. They abandoned the plan for fear of being

captured.

Mr. Watts said all the women had boarded the flight in the belief that fhey were going to Jordan where they had been told that someone who could arrange a visa to a safe country had been found.

He added: "When the hijack attempt becan they were as attempt began they were as frightened and surprised as the rest of the passengers and were treated in exactly the same way. They were ordered to sit in their seats and look

Canada and Italy but had been refused each time, be-lieving that the refusal was always because they were lragi nationals.

During their last visit to Jordan they approached the British consul to ask for a UK visa but once their background became known they were seen only by a Jordanian official, who refused their request and declined to allow them to press their case with the British consul.

Mr Wattis said that, through his own interpreter, the

she would be physically safe | application within the next if she left the plane.
"The trauma for these

people continued when they were taken to the police station at Colchester. There was a drunk in the cells who was kicking and screaming to be let out and the effect upon this party of women was quite extraordinary. Because of their own experiences they naturally assumed that the man was being tortured and they all but collapsed as the result of hearing what was simply a noisy drunk."

Mr Watts said that when he

first interviewed them they

were terrifled because they assumed he was some sort of prosecutor rather than a law-yer sent to represent them. He said: "It is impossible for me to overstate the fear the recent years, scores of thousands from Basra alone. There are an estimated the residution with which and trepidation with which 300,000 fragi exiles in Iran these women now confront and an unknown number of these women now comfront the world each day. They know that if they are not allowed to remain here they will go to their death and no doubt it will be a death made as hideous and painful as possible. I cannot believe that core their case is properly in. once their case is properly in-vestigated and their story is heard fully by the authorities

that there can be any other just decision except to allow them to stay." Michael Howard, the Hon Secretary, is likely to make a decision on their asylum Letters, page 8

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IBact England's catapaign to geatify for the 1998 World Cup, it was amounced

three weeks. Iraqi exile sources said last night that the women's claims were wholly credible. "There is absolutely no question that people coming from these areas who have been abroad or have family members who were involved in the Basra were involved in the basra uprising are under threat—whether that means death or imprisonment," said Leith Kubba, of the Iraqi National Council (INC). "They would take a huge risk by going back. Life is cheap in Iraq. People can inst disenteer and People can just disappear and no one will even ask what

rejected he would use the appeals procedure and continue to take the matter through all available legal channels. At present, his representation is being funded by the legal aid

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### Controversial metal dealers cease trading

Patrick Donovan and Paul Murphy

FINCHESTER Commodities — the metals company which has been investigated by the Serious Fraud Office in connection with a multi-billion pound Japanese copper scan-dal — is closing its brokerage

The company, which is headed by £15 million-a-year traders Charles Vincent and Ashley Levett, has informed City regulators that trading stopped yesterday.
The news comes just weeks

after the Hampshire country homes of Mr Vincent and Mr Levett, both aged 35, were searched by the SFO and City of London police.

Kalos followed the an nouncement that police are investigating possible British links with a huge trading nese trading giant Sumitomo.

Winchester, which has denied improper dealings and offered full co-operation with the investigating authorities, is known to have had links with Sumitomo's Yasuo Hamanaka, the rogue dealer sacked after the discovery of

Winchester was founded six | future."

spectacular deals involving 30 per cent of the world's entire

when it carried out a series o

copper supply.
A spokesman for the Securities and Futures Authority (one of the City regulators) last night said: "I can confirm that Winchester Brokerage -the SFA-regulated company - has notified us that it will cease business from the close of business today."

The authority said it believed Winchester had taken the decision to shut its regulated operations "because of a downturn in the copper mar-ket and negative publicity".

Although the main broker age business is to close, the authority added that Winchester's separate Asset Management operations remain licensed to invest money.

decision yesterday and redundancies are expected among the 50-strong workforce, who earn an average of more than £1 million a year each.

Mr Vincent, nicknamed Copperfingers because of his metal dealing skill, was last night unavailable for comment. Both he and Mr Levett now live in Monte Carlo.

A Winchester spokesman said: "We have not finalised any decisions as to our

years ago and reached the peak of its success in 1993 Details, page 11



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## Israeli roadblocks ensure few answer call to prayer

### Jessica Berry and

EAVY Israeli security barred most of the 100,000 or so Pal-estinians who were expected to pray at the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem yesterday in response to Yas-sar Arafar's call for a demonstration against Israeli

Many who tried to attend were turned away at check-points at entrances to the city. Some 2,000 police and soldiers lined the streets, prepared for trouble.

Al-Aqsa. which stands on the Haram-e-Sharif in the heart of the Old City, is known to Jews as Temple Mount. On Fridays. Jews and Muslims guarded and segregated compound. Around \$0.000 Muslims usually attend Friday
prayers. Mr Arafat's call to
resident, when he approached down with Israel's hardline envernment in two days -Palestinians' claims to east Je-

It was also intended to test in arrow alleys leading to al. If [Palestinians] do not obey same's contention that it enders freedom of worship in a "Look at this Jewish army, said one worshipper." larael's contention that it en-sures freedom of worship in a city sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians. Israel's clo-sure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in force for six months, has barred most Palestinions from Jerusalem, in-cluding al-Aqsa, Islam's third holiest shrine.

stinians from Jerusalem, in-inding al-Agsa. Islam's third point in Abu Dis, no cars were queueing. "Why should in the Ras el-Amud district 12 Who is Arafat anyway," de-

Palestinians see him being increasingly humiliated by Netanyahu

police turned away not only West Bank residents but

can't pase through here," a policeman told the AP repor-ter Said Ghazali, a Jerusalem a roadblock.

At the entrance to Damas cus Gate, on one of the main routes to the mosque, there were more soldiers and jour-

Faisal Hussemi. a senior PLO official in Jerusalem, echoed thuse thoughts. Pales-If they want peace why do they stand here. We want justice, but not by force," said an

Others simply did not

manded Ibrahim, a youth.

four-hour anti-israel general

strike over than Mr Arafat

was agreeing to restart peace

at a low level

negotiations next week, albeit

towards the Old City.

thians were growing angry at the weakness of the Pales-tinian Authority. "I feel that there is an explosion coming, and I will be the first victim of it," he told an Israeli newspaper.
A senior aide of Mr Arafat, Nabil Abu Rdainah, was equally pessimistic. "The peace process is paralysed, the resumption of negotiations in practical terms is frozen and the contacts until

zen and the contacts until now have not led to any results of all," he said. be watched Palestinians file results if an, he some with its plans to build 3,500 more housing units in four Jewish settlements close to Jerusa. There is a growing disen-chantment with Mr Arafat among Palestinians, who are beginning to believe that the president of their national aulem, Mr Arafat's prospects look bleak. Palestinians see him being increasingly huthority is incapable of standing up to the Israelis. No sooner was Thursday's

miliated by Israel. The word on the street is not encouraging. "I don't believe in Arafat. If poace comes it will be from God, not the president," said Youssel, a tour guide.

### Lawyer in prisoners' jail release row is named

#### Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE lawyer whose advice triggered the mistaken release of 537 prisoners is named today as Stephen Parker, an in-house Home

Mr Parker, who advises on the legality of government

policy, gambling, employment law and fire precautions, as well as prison matters, is said to be on holiday.

The Probation Service yes-terday pressed prison chiefs for a list of the 537 let out as a result of the "sorry fiasco", so that it can keep track of them. Mr Parker's advice was cru-cial to the recommendation of the rules on calculating prison sentences be changed and the programme of early release

Mr Parker and Ms Swift are expected to be questioned in the Home Office inquiry

group, chaired by Sally Swift, a | decision a week ago to block | by the executive committee be-former prison governor, that | any more releases. The in- | fore being sent out in the form quiry is expected to consider their future roles.

Mr Howard said this week that in future outside counsel's advice would also be taken on issues of such importance. The working group report went up launched after the High Court the Prison Service hierarchy on Thursday upheld Home to Tony Pearson, director of Secretary Michael Howard's custody. It was then approved

by the executive committee be: that he had apologised to Mr fore being sent out in the form | Howard on behalf of the Prison under the name of Richard Tilt, director-general

ciation yesterday expressed its full support for Mr Tilt in the face of demands from Tory MPs for him to resign his

Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, said: "It seems to have been a bit of a shambles. I feel the Home Secretary has been unfairly dealt with. He has been made to look a complete clown over this letting out of prisoners without

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### Suicidal Alaskan walruses beat a path to the cliff tops

T. A. Badger in Anchorage

BIOLOGISTS are baffled by at an Alaskan wildlife refuge, which for the past three summers have lumbered up the slope of a 100ft cliff and then fallen to their deaths. We're still trying to figure

said Auron Archibeque, man-ager of the Togiak National Wildlife Reluge.

Up to 60 walruses died on Tuesday at Cape Petree, about \$50 miles south-west of An-charage, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service said. They were part of a herd of 12,500 non-mating walruses that gather each summer to eat and

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and scattered showers to the Low Countries and much of Germany. Switzerland should be drier and brighter with good sunny spells, but showers will also develop across Austria, particularly in the west

France a fine weekend with good spells at warm sunshine, but it will be cooler and more cloudy in the east and north-east with some showers today. Max temp raging from 27°C on the Mediterranean coast to 18°C in the ter north-east. Spain and Portagah
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Ronnie Flanagan, a deputy
chief coustable and the son of a shipyard worker, the edge over Blair Wallace, the 58-year-old other RUC deputy chief constable and his main rival, who has vast opera-tional experience. The third

the City of London police.
All three underwent several hours of examination by the Policy Co-ordinating Commit tee of the Northern Ireland Police Authority on Wed-

short-listed candidate was

The peace process has in-tensified demands for institutional reform of the RUC, while the violence and controversy surrounding this has revived calls for commu-nity accountability.

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Mr Flanagan, a Protestant who is married with three undergo change.

He has prepared an internal than the figure of policing the figure and the figure of policing the figure and the children, said yesterday after his appointment, which carries a £100,000-a-year salary: "Northern Ireland cannot withstand another summer like this one. The country crept right to the edge of the abyss. It pulled back and I be-

Rebuilding community charge of the complaints and relations and trust was now the force's priority. He is also committed to raising the level of Catholics in the force from the current 10 per cent.

He is a high-flier who was widely seen as the favoured successor to Sir Hugh Annessian Was appointment.

The scale of the problems facing Mr Flanagan were illustrated in condemnations of his appointment by Gerry Ad-

widely seen as the favoured successor to Sir Hugh Annes-ley. Some observers susley. Some observers suspected his chances might
have been damaged by the
RUC's handling of the Orange
Order stand-off at Drumcree
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in July when police back down under threat and view among nationalists that allowed a parade on the Cath-olic Garvaghy Road in should be disbanded.

month and helped to negoti-ate settlements with local communities which allowed two Protestant parades through the Catholic villages

of Dunloy and Bellaghy. He has attended the mediate command and senior command courses at the police staff college at Bramswhere he was awarded a di-ploma in 1988.

He is keen on sport and once played hooker for the Ul-ster inter-provincial rugby

A former senior police offi-cer who attended Bramshill with him said: "He is a very, very open guy and very good with the media as well as believing in the democratic con-

### Age and political acumen are thought to have given Flanagan the edge

sensus style of policing."

He is highly regarded by the rank and file, though some senior officers believe he may be too young and radi-cal to take control at a time

ing based on a province free of violence. It is due to be published in the early autumn. Mr Flanagan has held a vacrept right to the edge of the abyss. It pulled back and I believe it will continue to draw twice headed the Special Branch. He was also in

view among nationalists that

Portadown.

But he recovered with a well organised policing operation at the Apprentice Boys' march in Londonderty last should be dispanded.

Mr Paisley claimed Mr Flanagan did not have the support of most officers.

Morale had nosed-dived after the Drumcree stand-off.



## Alarm over **BSE** meat in baby foods

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Research buried for a decade in academic journals emerged yesterday as fears continued about the effect of meat infected with borine spongiform encephalopathy that entered the food chain

without public awareness.

An academic paper first published in 1936 by staff at the Laboratory of the Government Chemist shows that mechanically recovered meat was used in "infant foods and special diets for the disabled". That was in the same year the BSE epidemic was confirmed.

The paper was the first in a series by scientists working for the Ministry of Agriculture. A laboratory spokesman said the ministry wanted ways of detecting that kind of meat in food to ensure manufacturers were not making

Controls on offal use began in 1989, but it was not until 1995 that the Government banned mechanically recovered meat producers from using flesh from the spinal column for fear it carried mad cow disease.

The industry blasts off this kind of meat using high-pressure hoses. It is then pro-cessed into a paste that has commonly been used in sau-sages and meat pies. Baby food manufacturers deny they used it, but it was detected by

government scientists. Christine Gowdridge, director of the Maternity Alliance, said: "If this is true we would call for an early clarification of the facts by the Department

Donald MacLeod

Education Correspo

GIRLS schools dominated the top of the independent

published yesterday, as heads warned of the increasing

Jean Scott, head teacher at South Hampstead high school,

London - where all the 94

children entered scored A\* to

C grades in every subject, and

33.8 per cent got A\* - said

pupils were sometimes under too much pressure, adding: "There is tremendous compeof Health and the Ministry of Agriculture. They have to give advice to women who have been feeding their babies. We want information, not assurances."

A Ministry of Agriculture official said there had been extra concern about the poss ible contracting of Creutzieldt-Jacob Disease, the human form of BSE, by babies. If it needed decades to develop, then the earlier the exposure the greater the chance of incur-able illness later in life. Consultant microbiologist

Stephen Dealler, a BSE specialist, said: "Using this meat was a silly thing to have done. Everyone should be worried. We have been taking risks."

Kim Laing, professor of food policy at Thames Valley University, said: "If we have allowed this sub-standard product [mechanically recovdeserve the consequences. The consumer didn't know it was there but the food industry did — I think that it is culpable. "Under pressure from its

advisory committees, the Government has refused to ban this substance. It's another illustration of the way British food policy is driven by commercial interests.

But members of the Spongi form Encephalopathy Advivises the Government on BSE — were unruffled by the disclosure. John Almond, of Reading university, said: "No one thought we should not feed this [type of meat] to babies. We would have said why not? There was no reason to pick it out and say

'don't feed it to kids'." The Infant and Dietetic Food Association, which represents baby food manufacturers, said that kind of meat was not now used in baby foods.



Robert Louis Tewdwr Moss . . . A flamboyant, sociable character with many friends. 'He was killed by people he trusted,' police say

## Mystery of journalist killed in flat

Duncan Campbell on the death of a travel writer and gossip columnist, murdered as he worked on his latest book

the floor of his flat at 11.15am the next day.

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> girls' significantly better GCSE results nationally. he added the Tewdwr when he started writing profession-- was a freelance jourreflected the national imnalist and travel writer who had worked on many of Fleet provement in GCSE results disclosed last week, with 198 out of 618 getting all their pu-pils to the benchmark of five A to C grades. Street's gossip columns, and was writing a book on Syria for the publishers Fourth

His feet had been tied with television flex and his hands with a cord from his curtains. He was gagged with the belt of

a towelling robe. "It was a particularly nasty attack," said Detective Superintendent Brian Edwards yes-terday. "He was killed by people he trusted."

Mr Moss, aged 34, was last seen alive at 9pm on Friday. August 23, by a man who flat in St Mary's Terrace, Paddington. He had received telephone calls from friends and which indicated that he did not go out. He is believed to have been expecting a visitor. The last call was after 10pm. The lodger found his body on

sacued and drawers empited, but as far as the police can tell only Mr Moss's laptop computer and printer and the lodger's portable CD player were stolen.

entry. Det Supt Edwards said he did not feel that Mr Moss's homosexuality was an issue. recent occasions in London when gay men have been tied up and robbed by young ac-quaintances. There was no sign of a struggle, indicating that he had been overpowered

A flamboyant, sociable

Travels in Syria, on the night he died. That work would ap-pear to have been stolen with

whether he survived.

The police want to hear from anyone who was near St Mary's Terrace, Paddington. was any Syrian connection with the death, although Mr Moss had made a number of

A post-mortem last week inated by the gag. Further te

Edwards did not feel there

eccentric Syrian contacts during the course of his work. "I believe the motivation was

last Friday night or Seturday morning and who may have seen something — possibly someone carrying property. Mr Edwards urged journal-ists who had worked with Mr Moss to tell police what they knew about his life-style, friends and acquaintances. He wants to trace Mr Moss's

### Radio 3 recalls sacked veteran

John Etard

PETER Hobday, sacked from SBC Radio 4's Today programme because his interviewing manner was considered too polite and reflective, is to replace Paul Gambaccini as a presenter for Radio 3. His appointment, an-

down-marketing forces which 2,000 supportive listeners in the Save Peter Hobday campaign biamed for his dismissal. Mr Gambaccini, aged 47. Is being phased out of his Radio 3 job from next month because listeners resented his "appailing" American wowels.

wowels.
Mr Hobday, aged 58, who has more than 30 years of radio experience, will be one of three new presenters on Radio 3's Morning Collection. His colleagues, who have more experience with radio music, will be Catrions Young, who joined the BBC in 1978, and Penny Gore, who joined in 1988. Radio 3's controller,

Nicholas Kenyon, who had defended his appointment of Mr Gambacctni as a move to increase listening figures, said yesterday: "The format and content of Morning Collection has been a great success with our listeners. I am very pleased we have such a strong team of presenters to take the programme forward."

Anne Karpf writes in today's Guardian radio review: "What he meant was, 'I had no idea that you were going to bate him You can't possibly object to this lot, so let's just forget the whole sorry business." Mr Hobday and Mr Gam-baccini were unavailable

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 THE BBC's director general, John Birt. yesterday said plans to turn its technical department into a freestanding commercial ven-ture but denied allegations of privatisation. The move is part of a series of changes to streamline the corporation and exploit profit-making areas. The Resources Directorate, employing 900, provides technical facilities such as editing suites to in-

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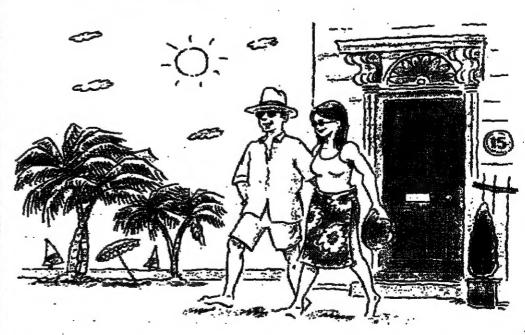
which expresses a primal adult terror: the fear of one's children suddenly, inexplicably. disappearing. One can imagine parents telling it to each other in ages when children were commonly taken from them by illness and disease. Over the last month, it's a story that has become resonant again. Blake Morrison

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President favours single currency despite cost

## Chirac and Kohl to hasten EU union

**Paul Webster in Paris** 

ACQUES CHIRAC is to defy a high risk of social unrest over budget austerity and fly to Bonn tomorrow to tell Helmut Kohl that France's faith in a stronger than ever.

The French president and the German chancellor are expected to make a new joint commitment to rapid moves towards economic union, which will anger French workers preparing for a "hot autumn" of strikes against government strategy. But Mr Chirac has told

French ambassadors that the country's economy is funda-mentally strong and will enable it to meet the 1999 currency deadline, which depends on strictly controlled government spending.

In one of his most powerful

pean solidarity since he was elected more than a year ago. Mr Chirac left no doubt about his belief that a single currency would rescue France from recession.

Speaking against a back-ground of threats of worse street protests than last autumn against pay freezes, redundancies and welfare cufs, Mr Chirac said France would be ready for a single currency on time because it corresponded to the interests of all French people: "A single currency will pave the way for lower interest rates and mean more growth and more jobs." His idea of Europe included

the single currency, improved institutions, a common for-eign policy and a joint defence system. He said he was determined

to fight the disillusionment and frustration that the Euroone of his most powerful pean idea had aroused in pub-ches in favour of Euro-lic opinion. He promised to

use his influence to speed through the reforms being studied by the EU's intergoving: "A setback will open up a serious European crisis.

The prime minister, Alain Juppé asked the envoys to tell foreign governments that France had the desire and capacity to modernise and

tance to a single currency.
"This is a political project which Germany and France will carry forward together." he said.

But his message that there

would be no let-up in tough anti-inflationary measures could inflame internal opposition to the spending restricworsen the 12.5 per cent rate of unemployment. Despite a employment reported yester-day. France has nearly 3.4 million out of work, one of

When Mr Yeltsin made Ger

envoy to Chechenia. Gen Lebed himself was surprised.

The post made Gen Lebed responsible for the conflict in Chechenia, but gave him no

power to act. Gen Lebed de-

manded extra executive pow-ers, which he did not receive.

If the negotiations fail, Gen Labed will return to being

merely Mr Yeltsin's security

The talks on the Dagestani

### **Confusion remains as Yeltsin backs Lebed**

David Hearst In Mescow

tion. President Boris Yeltsin gave his consent to the peace plan which his security adviser, General Alexander Lebed, began nego-tiating with Chechen rebels last night.

His decision was announced even as Gen Lebed waited for the rebel army's chief of staff, General Aslan Maskhadov, to reach their meeting point in Khasav Yurt on the Chechen-Dagestan

It was not clear exactly which plan Mr Yeltsin had agreed to and it fell to one of Gen Lebed's rivals, the prime minister Viktor Chernomyr-din, to claim that he, not Gen Lebed, was in constant con-

tact with the president. Until the last moment the prime minister sought to undermine the position of Gen Lebed, who negotiated a ceasefire which has held and brought about a partial demilitarisation of the Chechen

certain Chechen field comhunting lodge 80 miles north-west of Moscow and is refusmanders were already setting up their own local authorities, and that they had preing to meet Gen Lebed. pared hit lists of pro-Moscow Chechen officials. Lebed secretary of the security council and his special

In turn, Gen Lebed waged a propaganda battle against his Kremlin rivals by claiming that neither the prime minister nor the justice minister, Valentine Kovalyov, had pre-sented any "serious" objections to his plan, and that the document he would present to the rebels had the backing of

the Kremlin leadership. But the issues that bedevil the relationship between Gen Lebed and Mr Chernomyrdin go deeper than Chechenia., which has become a battleground for rivals in the struggle to become the ailing Mr Yeltsin's successor.

If he is successful in Chechenia, Gen Lebed hopes to emerge as the second most powerful man in the Russian government. After publicly endorsing Gen Lebed as his favourite political son and heir during his presidential election campaign, Mr Yelt-sin's attitude to the former

border are further complicated by the rebels' demands. Last night Gen Maskhadov presented Gen Lebed with his

adviser.

own peace plan.
The August 6 raid on Grozny in which the rebels seized large areas of the city surrounding the seat of the federal government and all but overwhelming it — has given a huge boost to the sep-

But this has only worsened fears that, if the Russians withdraw, a civil war be-



#### The Belgian Thierry de Haan, who faces charges arising from police investigations of a pa

mated 1,500 child prostitutes.

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working on the main trunk

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number of street children in

St Petersburg alone vary from

6,000 to 15,000. Groups of girl

Moscow, girls of eight and up-wards sell themselves for

freight lorries.

Poland has an unknown

### Child prostitution in a post-communist boom

N THE roof of North Station in Bucharest live about 20 children. Most have not yet reached their teens, some are as young as three. They play there, eat what they can scavenge and, when they have no client, sleep there. If it gets too cold, they sleep in the

These children are among the 600 living permanently on the atreets of fromania's capital. At any one time, they may be joined by up to 1,500 more. The girls sell themselves for about a pound a time,— or sometimes for a sandwich station tunnels or nearby

The boys may be "luckier". Around 50 men from Germany, France, Italy and Britain have rented flats in Bu-charest and visit regularly. A Frenchman celled Michel is particularly populars. He in-stalls boys in his apartment

dren's life, it's their way to survive," said Gabriela Alex-andrescu of Romanian Save

police about their good cli- of 1995. Estopia has an estients, the foreign ones. They are old, old children."

For most people child pros-titution means Bangkok or Manila. But researchers at the first World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children say the business is now booming much closer to home.

"Across the region you see the same thing," said Christina Hagner, co-author of the first extensive report on child sex exploitation in eastern Europe, due to be published

One Frenchman installs boys in his **Bucharest flat for** weeks at a time

next month. An uncontrolled makes become has replaced the fold planned economy, living conditions have plunged and the social safety net has here ripped east.

stalls boys in his apartment for weeks at a time, feeds them, clothes them and beys them presents. Sometimes he pays a retainer of shout \$100 a month — aimost have the pays a retainer of shout \$100 a month — aimost have the pays a retainer of shout \$100 a month — aimost have the pays and children across easimational average wage.

The first ways to be pays the horrifying scale.
The Lithuanian capital, Vil-

survive," said Gabriela Alexandrescu of Romanian Save
the Children, which runs volunteer health and education
programmes for Bucharest's
street children.

"They frighten you they're
to matter-of-fact about it.
They beg, you not to tell the

### Belgium hardens abuse laws

Stephen Bates in Brussels

EAN-LUC DEHAENE, Belgium's prime minis-ter, attempted to restore his government's credibility yesterday in the wake of the child abuse scandal by announcing moves to increase penalties for sex offenders. Mr Dehaene has been criticisad for remaining on holiprostitutes aged between 13 and 16 are often run by a boy aged under 14 because he is immune to prosecution. In day in Sardinia during the last fortnight's revelations about the abduction of children by paedophiles allegedly led by Marc Dutroux, aged 39, a builder with homes around the city of Charleroi.

Amid public recrimination, In Hungary, an estimated the government has been Mr Dutroux, who was released early from a previ-ous sentence for sex offences

work in Budapest and an un-known number work along the main E75 road between Vienna and Budapest and onand is rumoured to have been ward to Romania.

Legal protection is minimal. Ms Hagner said. In several countries, communist laws, which often fail even to name sexual abuse of chilance is shielded by people in authority, including politicians.

Mr Dehaene said the government had acted appropriately by issuing condolences and asking for a minute's

silence in memory of Melissa Russo and Julie Lejeune, both aged eight, who starved to death in Mr Dutroux's cellar. The prime minister prom-ised that an inquiry into the dren as a crime, have not been replaced.
Hungary, where the age of consent is 14, legalised prostitution in 1993, leaving girls who have been forced on to police investigation would not be obstructed "whatever the streets at the age of 14 or 15 with no legal recourse.
"In fact, the explosion of the consequences".

Among measures agreed by the government is a new pa-role structure which takes decisions out of ministers hands and makes it harder for offenders to secure early release, and new prison units

Meanwhile, new revela-tions about the case brought more public anguish as Dutroux's wife Michelle Martin, a former teacher, was reported to have said that it was she who allowed the girls to starve to death while her husband was in prison. Previously Mr Dutroux had blamed Bernard Weinstein — an asso-ciate whom he has admitted murdering - for neglecting

the girls. home in Gloucester.

Police searching Mr Dutroux's six homes around Charleroi said they had detected two "hot spots" which may contain more bodies. They were using a radar imaging device borrowed from British police, who used it to

capital, Grozny. of his "extreme concern" that | He has retreated to an a Russian Chechens will follow.

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## Loyal Serbs fear sabotage from top

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Mr Stankovic said he could is helping stack the cards against them in the elections, writes Julian Borger in Doboj

faces belong to notorious war-lords — Arkan and Mauser.

So far the pair have not been indicted by the United Nations' war crimes tribunal. so their participation is within the rules, and in the extreme political world of "Republika Srpska" seems

unsurprising.
But two weeks before voting begins, something much stranger is happening in Bos-nia's Serb homeland.

The main challenge to the ruling separatist Serb Democratic Party (SDS) is expected to come from the republic's branch of the Socialist Party (SPRS), orchestrated by Serbia's president, Slobodan

Milosevic.
This contest is the main event of the internationally sponsored elections. It offers the strongest chance in all three communities — Muslim, Serb and Croat — of toppling one of the nationalist parties. Optimists in the interna-tional community believe that President Milosevic. hoping to curry favour with the west, will use his party to rein in the xanophobic excesses of the SDS regime after

T LOOKS like an election The problem is that he campaign: posters have seems to be doing his best to been plastared over every less. The SPRS is running an available vertical space bear election campaign of such ining slogans and well-fed faces competence even its activists endeavouring to look both suspect sabotage from the resolute and kindly. Two of the very top. Serbian pundits because belong to protorious way. election campaign of such incompetence even its activists
suspect sabotage from the
very top. Serbian pundits believe President Milosevic
could only be making such
huge mistakes on purpose.
The question is why
Incredibly, the SPRS is
comparating under one

campaigning under one name, and is listed on ballot

forms under another.

The alliance with other leftleaning Serb parties is presented on posters and leaflets i

the international community.

as the People's Alliance for a

out on polling day.
Tomas Miglierina, an OSCE

spokesman, was bemu-spokesman, was bemu-sed. We got all their papers under one name, and then they sent a new name, a day after the ballots had been printed it was too late But

printed. It was too late. But the Alternative.

Bosnian Serb troops in Doboj, which is flanked by two fingers of territory controlled by the Boshian army. It was the only Serb-held town to suffer shelling throughout the war. Like many former officers of

'Dayton's a child and must be taught to work. Milosevic doesn't want to be nanny

The SPRS headquarters in Banja Luka issued a terse

dity of the situation, but con-

cedes it will damage party

Mr Stankovic commanded

as the Alliance for Peace and Progress (SMP). But it has registered with the Organisation and regards the SDS and its for Security and Co-operation wartime leader, Radovan Kar-Progress (SMP). But it has registered with the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is umpiring the September 14 elections for the interestional community. adzic, as opportunists.

But the 47-year-old pow feels betrayed by the man he once worshipped as the leader Free Peace (NSSM).

Even fervent supporters
will have trouble picking it strange. I get the feeling he is

wants to be able to blame the SDS," he said.

here," he said. Confusion over the party's name is only one of his prob-lems. The state-run official

oces tot want to be a hanny.

The European Union co-ordinator in Mostar, Sir Martin
Garrod, yesterday named six
Croats believed to be paramilitary gang bosses and called on them to stop ethnic terror in the divided Bosnian city. newsagents refuse to distribute his opposition newspaper, the Alternative, and

withstand the pressure from the SDS if he had more finanstatement yesterday, saying cial help. "I am at the head of the discrepancy was an admin-the SPRS list for the region, and we have not got one dinar from Belgrade," he said. The shabbiness of Mr Stan-

the discrepancy was an admin-istrative error and the party would keep the name SMP.

Milovan Stankovic, a retired colonel and newspaper propri-etor, is the SPRS candidate in stor, is the SPRS candidate in claims. President Milosevic's claims. President Milosevic's the central Bosnian town of Doboj. He laughs at the absurstinghess is all the stranger in the light of his reported financial support for other east European socialist parties.

In Benja Luka there is more evidence of Belgrade's halfheartedness. After months of delays, Serbian engineers setting up a party-sponsored television station have only this week completed repairs to an antenna which will beam Serbian television into Republika Srpska. Dragan Janjic, a commenta

tor for the independent Serbian news agency Beta, be-lieves President Milosevic, surprised by growing hostility to the SDS in the republic, is now afraid of winning. "He doesn't want the SPRS in power after the election. He

Mr Stankovic agrees, but explains his leader's motives more kindly. "Dayton is a child," he said. "You have to teach it to function. Milosevic does not want to be a namny."

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### Overview: August 24 - August 30



The four-year-long soap opera that is the Clinton presidency took another unscripted twist this week just when Bill and Hillary (above) thought they finally had everything buttoned down. As tour days of maudlin, substance-fre biather at the Democratic party's convention in Chicago draw to a

close, the curse of the Clintons struck again. Dick Morris, the White House's campaign guru, suddenly resigned after the 'yellow' press revealed that he'd been revealing all, in every sense, to a woman called Sherry. not his wife. Clinton accepted the party's nomination anyway, promising that "the hest is vet to come? What can this mean?

#### North Atlantic

Eighty-four years after the supposedly unsinkable RMS Titanic sank with the loss of 1,523 lives, a large chunk of its steel hull was briefly raised from the ocean floor 420 miles off Newfoundland as

American tourists paying up to \$6,000 each looked on. Then the cables snapped and it plunged back in to the depths. The recovery operation was abandoned until next year.

#### France

Just when President Jacques Chirac thought it was safe to take a holiday (one aneaked magazine photo showed him wearing shorts and pushing a pram in grandfatherly fashion), French union leaders were ganging up to warn of another autumn of industrial unrest. The main gripe is public sector spending cuts

but worries are also

growing about EU single currency targets. Ever ready to join a fight, French farmers herded their cows into Paris and searched British lorries for illegal meat imports - their daffy way of trying to restore confidence in the BSE-bothered beef market. As Waiter Mondale might have said, 'where's the boeuf?"



legendary Victorian explorer (left), took a dive at the Victoria Falls when the Zimbabwean government (Robert Mugabe, prop.) ordered that a pleque on his statue there be removed. The

described the itinerant Scot as a "liberator". Presumptuous, one

Bosnia Herzegovina where elections arranged under the Deylon peace accord are due on September 14,

stumbled unsteadily towards its date with democratic destiny But municipal polls on the same day were

#### Sweden

Delegates to the first World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm, including Bond star Roger Moore (right), spent the week homilying sectother with ever more harrowing tales of perversion and abuse of minors. As a consciousnessraising exercise, the conference worked fine. But it was

of the numerous proposals to protect children from, for example, Western sex tourists in the Philippines and . Theiland would make a significant difference.

Glow



### Russia

General Alexander Lebed, Moscow's answer to Rocky Marolano, had his GLESTING JEW GAST, LUCKE tightly set as his steerigits to bring peace to Chechenia referendermined by internecine wartare in this Kremith, Lebec's considere deal took frontiere Pressien and jointly patrolled the ravaged capital. Grozny. But back in Moscow, Bons Yellsin - ill, under the influence, or sulking (no one knows which) - refused to talk to his pugnacious protege. But yesterday, Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin gave the plan a belated thumbs up.

### India

Obligaty witers stored their files as, and figure mithering in Calcutta and the Villago, Mother Taxons (dght), the tius non-parell, emerged victorious from a bout with malaria and heart trouble.



#### Israel

registration cheating

by all sides. Nato is

worried; the guys

-went out by

If Bill Clinton is sccident-prone, then griwthgh s'lears! prime minister. Birryamin Netanyahu, was simply prone after a week in which Palestinian frustration at his perceived footdragging on the peace talks and plans for new West Bank Jewish settlements finally boiled over into mass demonstrations. Britain and the EU blasted Netanyahu, the few of a constraint of

warning that the whole peace process could be undermined. Washington has also taken a dim view of Sibi's prevarications on pages while the Arab nation from Damascus to Cairo glowers and plays " told you so games. But as usual, division and confusion within Palestinian ranks were the Israeli leader's strongest



Part of the problem may be, that you work for a proprietor who combines a former colonial boy's resentment against the mother country with some deeply personal, almost psychopathic arxieties about adultery. The Princess of Wales catches it on both scores. There is also the element of misogyny, never far from the surface in Britain, which delights in making a beautiful woman suffer.

Auberon Waugh snaps at the snappers

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## Turkey beats a path to the Arab world

### Private view

### **David Hirst**

HEN Turkey signed a military agreement with Israel in February, many Arabs saw in it evidence of a deep-seated historic grudge, rooted in 400 years of Ottoman rule and the Arab rebellion during the first world war which ended it. Syria, the country most threatened by the agreemen called it a monumental "political sin": Turkey was sacrificing "eternal" bonds with its Muslim Arab neighbours for the sake of a transient relationship with the Zionist foe.

This month Turkey veered in the opposite direction. ttin Erbakan, the first Islamist prime minister of the militantly secular state which rose from the ruins of the Ottoman Empire, chose militantly Islamist Iran for hi first foreign visit.

it was a slap in Washington's face from one of its most strategically located allies. In clinching a \$23 billion deal for the supply of Iranian natural gas, Mr Erbakan mocked America's "containment" of lran — its main foreign villain -and its latest "antiterrorist" legislation to authorising sanctions sanctions against foreign companies which invest in Iran's or Libya's oil industry.

In Tehran, he hinted at broader regional ambitions. proposing a four-nation summit of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria to discuss the Kurdish problem, which bedevils them all. His next visit could be to Syria. Only three months ago Syria felt itself to be the target of Turkish sabre-rattling and subversion; now its Grand Mufti has, on President invited Mr Erbakan to

Meanwhile Mr Erbakan's new justice minister, Sevket Kazan, has been to Iraq. where Saddam Hussein – another villain to the United States — urged him to follow an "independent" Turkish policy. Mr Kazan replied that it was "obvious that the UN doesn't treat some countries.

just manner" and was "silent about Israel's excesses, but technical follow-up to the Israeli pact, and he has imposes harsh sanctions on Iraq". Turkey, he said, would strive to get them lifted. renewed the mandate for Provide Comfort, the Turkey based Western aerial The Arabs have been quick operation over northern Iraq;

which he has reviled in the

Naturally, Middle East

Islamists, gratified by this reinforcement of their ranks

want Turkey to go further. In Tehran, Ayatoliah Khamenei told Mr Erbakan he hoped tha

"in due course" he would

altogether. Despite ideological

ditch the Israeli connection

misgivings, Arab secularists have, on the whole, welcomed

the Turkish upheaval too, for

them once welcomed Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic

revolution as a colossal blow to a repugnant Middle

ern order — and the

ability of the US to preserve it
which the Arabs could turn

seem more than ever incapable of serious collective opposition

to US policies which even the most pro-American of them

by a non-Arab Muslim state to

distance itself from the US and Israel, while making friendly

overtures to the Arabs, is held

in be good news. Mr Erbakan, it is felt, might

stir cringing Arab regimes to assert themselves, either by example or through the contribution of his regional

Egypt was almost as appalled as Syria by the Turkish-Israeli

which is no friend of Iran's, is

agreement; and now Egypt,

quietly content at Mr.

'containment''.

Erbakan's breach of US

For Arab secularists, of

course, it is US policies in the region that are the skewered

ones; Turkey's have been largely derivative. Ironically,

faced with Mr Erbakan, the

Turkish secularists who

upheld such policies have

perhaps more in common

foreign minister, Tansu

gas deal. And she would

unproductively clings at

with their Arab counterparts

than they realise. His secular

Ciller, welcomed the Iranian

welcome even more the end of UN sanctions against Iraq, to which the US obsessively and

initiatives. Significantly,

much the same reason that

even the Marxists among

Revolution. They saw the

to their advantage.
They never did. On the contrary, in their pitiful disarray, Arab governmen

most dramatic shift in Turkish foreign policy since the foundation of Ataturk's republic. For decades, wrote one columnist, Turkey had been divorced from its natural environment — the Balkans, Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East — as it performed a military role as Nato's eastern bulwark. It had stopped seeing itself as part of the Middle East or the Islamic world, and its neighbours had stopped seeing it as one of

to see this as the start of the

To the Arabs, the pact with Israel was final proof of how skewered Turkey's foreign priorities, if not its identity, had become. They believed a

Turkey no longer saw itself as part of the Middle East, and its neighbours no longer saw it as one of them

greater respect from Turkey for its Arab neighbours might have eased, if not solved, problems such as the Kurdish

The disruptive potential of Turkey's new direction is great. After all, before he came to power, Mr Erbakan spoken scathingly of the European Union, and advocated Turkey's adhesion to an Islamic common market or Islamic Nato instead. He denounced the agreement with Israel, declaring: "When the Jews bomb our Muslim brothers [in south Lebanon]. these people [Turkey's secular rulers] form an alliance with them and open Turkey to their

The question is how far Mr Erbakan can go without provoking a rebellion. Alglers style, by the military guardians of the Ataturk tradition, which might be supported by the US. The Tehran visit was

already something of a shock. But so far Mr Erbakan is treading carefully. This week

### **Postscriptum**

### **Great Danes act natural in** zoo-time goldfish bowl

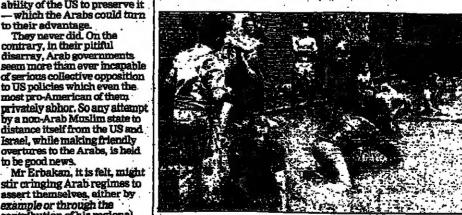
TO ENCOURAGE humans to think more about their ties to nature. Copenhagen 200 gained two new inmates this week

 a homo sapiens couple in a plexiglass cage.
 Henrik Lehman and Malene Botoft were placed beside lions. aboons, and other full-time zoo inhabitants. "It's all about batoons, and other interests in the starting at us," said Mr hying to act naturally with people starting at us," said Mr Lehman, an acrobat, aged 35. "People look at how we live— what books we read, what we cook, what records we play." Their 320 sq ft habitat has a furnished living room, kitchen and bedroom. But some of their activities they keep private.

Rough justice A suspected Dutch mugger whose fingertip was hitten off by a man he allegedly tried to rob was identified by a print taken from the disconnected digit and arrested, Amsterdam police said this week. The suspect, aged 29, referred to the man who bit him as "the cannibal", the police said.

Meanwhile, a Florida man faces 40 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of trying to steal 22 rolls of tollet paper. Henry Stepney, aged 32 and homeless, was convicted of petty theft, but may fall under a local law prescribing stiff sentences for repeat offenders.

The Crazy One Ecuador's president, Abdala Bucaram, who campaigned as El Loco (the Crazy One), lived up to his nickname this week, according to reports from Quito. Less than three weeks after he took office, he made a gesture toward opposition congressman that many considered obscene, saying: "I am going to give them the finger." During his campaign, he worried critics by taking off his belt and threatening to thrash the rich.



anish practices Thousands of people spent a day this week in the eastern Spanish village of Bunol pelting each other with armfuls of tomatoes in the annual tomating. the world's biggest tomato fight. The 50-year-old event. which leaves the streets ankle-deep in puree, attracts up to 20,000 people, and uses 100 tonnes of tomatoes. 20,000 people, and uses 100 tollies of tolliances.

Meanwhile, 69 people were injured in a tug-of-war in
Alcala De Henares, east of Madrid. When the 680 competitors started pulling, the 425-yard rope snapped. burning hands and arms and causing some to faint.

Less majesté. Ethnic Thats in Burma have been urged to replace their portraits of Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej with those of General Than Shwe, chairman of Burma's State Law and Order Restoration Council, "to show patriotism", a Thai-based Burmese opposition group said this week.

Tall the music stops... More than 50 African musicians and dancers who took part in an arts festival in Brazzaville, Congo, said this week that they could not return home because the festival organisers, including the Organisation of African Unity, had not paid them. They expected payment at the end of the Pan-African Music Pestival, but the organisers kept the money, Patience Masseki of the Zeire ballet group Shama Shama claimed.

Compiled from agencies and correspondents' reports

## Glowing images cut from a Polish fog

ULIAN Strykowski, free who has died aged for 91, was the pre-eminent chronicler and year poet in prose of the intense Jewish life of the Polish borderlands, especially of the eastern marches — now mostly absorbed into Lithuanis Relevas and Unchanged nia, Belarus, and Ukraine where so many of Poland's best writers have always come from. He wrote also, as many of his readers were sur-

 too long and late a commu-nist, and relatively late, too, nist, and relatively late, too, in coming out as a critic of the regime. Two years ago, in an interview in Gazeta Wyborcza with his friend Adam Michnik after Silence had been published, he seemed to conclude that the long suppression of his sexuality had been morally demaging mak. been morally damaging, mak-ing spiritual and political

years earlier in the sentence from Proverbs which he made the envoi for one of his best novels: Can a man hide fire in his bosom, and his garments

He was born Pesach Stark, in Stryj. not far from Droho-bycz, the little town between best writers have always come from. He wrote also, as many of his readers were surprised to learn near the end of his long life, from what would have been in the Poland of his time the borderlands of sexuality, producing at the age of 88. a novel, Milczenie (Silence), which, like Forster's posthumously published Maurice, openly proclaimed for the first time his homosexuality.

But then Stryjkowski, a life and good health, says the homosexuality.

But them Stryjkowski, a Jew and for many years a Jew and for many years a life and good health," says the Jewish cobbler of the Emperor. in Stryjkowski's novel always a problematic figure to his Polish contemporaries Jew. Then again maybe it's better that he isn't he might Austria. "... A pity he isn't a Jew. Then again maybe it's better that he isn't, he might not admit to being one. It's enough that he has a Jewish heart."

Like Isaac Deutscher, Stryjkowski may have been, as he claimed, a 'non-Jewish Jew' so far as religious observance and belief went, but like Deutscher too he combined a Jewish heart and memory

ty of Lwow and was among those imprisoned by the Polish government in 1935-36. Almost immediately afterwards, most of the communist leaders, summoned or lured to Moscow, were imprisoned in the Soviet camps or murdered

Each character grows freely like a tree, without any pressure from me. If I bent it, the tree would break'

in the great Stalinist purge. Strykowski, whose origi-nal belief in communism was deeply rooted in his experi-ence of the harshness of Gelicia's legendary poverty, did-not formally leave the party until 1966, after the philoso-pher Leszek Kolakowski was expelled. For years, he had "muddled" with communism and lived with it "like a hump", but in the 1930s, "as a jobless teacher and a Jew, I harboured great hopes of the

with other communists he retreated to Moscow where in the later years of the war he the Holocaust which will probably be his abiding

When he returned to devas tated Warsaw in 1946 to work for the Polish News Agency, the process of distillusion had already begun which made faith unsustainable when it had to cope first with the execution of the Czechoslovak leader Rudolf Slansky, accused of Zionism, and then the revelations of Khruschev's report on the realities of Stalinism to the Twentieth

of Stalinism to the Twentieth Party Congress.

Of his many novels, we have in English so far only Austeria, The Inn, the middle book of his trilogy of shtetl and borderland life, with its strange mixture of animostities and dependencies. It gives a fair sense of the much gives a fair sense of the qual-ity if not the range of his gifts; there are others like The Great Fear and stories which deal with "my love affair with the Communist Party", and others still reflecting on Old Testament figures and

freedom peculiarly difficult | Marxist beliefs. He had joined | He was able to test them at | glowing pictures of that murfor him. Perhaps there had | the party after studying Poleon a clue to some of this 30 | ish literature at the University | retook Lwow in 1941, and | borderlands that elsewhere only survives to haunt us in a kind of tragic and magical half-life in the photographs of began the trilogy of novels of Roman Vishniak and the shield [smalltown] life before pages of a few other writers of Stryjkowski's quality like Isaac Bashevis Singer and Aharon Appelfeld.

One gets some sense of the source of the liveliness of these pictures in an interview Strykowski gave in Warsaw shortly after the establish-ment of Poland's independence. No good asking for an explanation or summation of his art, he said: "I am a spon-taneous writer, I do not con-struct or plan ahead of time. Whenever I begin a new page I never know what will follow on the next one. The fog gradually thins down and the story starts unfolding. Each of my characters grows freely like a tree, without any pressure on my part. If I bent it, the tree would break. It often keeps growing against my will."

His gift is not like the unique personal fantasy through which his neighbour Schulz saw the people of Dro-bobycz, but he too knows, as Isaac Deutscher said of Chagall, that the life of the East-

David Donaldson

surrealism. It breaks through ings, and black shoes.

So this account of the "Behind him the group of often in this account of the coming of the first world war which was the beginning of the end for little towns like the one recreated here, above the one recreated here, above the object helding their hats with hear holding their hats with the content of the co "The tsaddik blinked, al-though the light was dim. His black beard, now grey from dust, covered his breast. He wore a wide-brimmed hat, a

all as he shows us the queer bees, holding their hats with innocence of the refugee one hand so that they would troupe of Hasidic Jews that history deposits at the door of old Tag, the innkeeper, just before the Cossacks close in and the town begins to burn:

before the cossacks close in and the town begins to burn:

behind . . ."

Julian Stryjkowski, writer, born

still life". People provided a subject and a solution to lone-liness. "Portraiture filled my

Donaldson's Baptist up-bringing and the bible stories

he read as a child, charged his

imagination. He took auda-

cious liberties with fragments

tion of Bathsheba; he updated

Suzanna into a dark-haired

pulling on his socks. In 1994 he even painted Jesus Walk-

ing on Loch Lomond. Many

regard these religious allego-ries as among his most memo-

Despite many honours his

aim was still "to paint with a Scottish accent". His 1984 ret-

rospective exhibition toured from Glasgow to London.

Latterly Donaldson's diabe-tes restricted his work. How-

ever his 80th birthday was

celebrated with a major exhi-bition in both Edinburgh and, currently, at Glasgow School of Art. In the book accompa-

nying the show he speaks for himself in colourful style, full of wise words laced with wit

day with a person."

**Tewdwr Moss** Man about

the world

HE MURDER of Robert London of one of its most colourful characters There was a time when no literary gathering seemed complete without this tall, strikingly handsome figure, who was probably the last man in England under 70 to look stylish in a cravat.

Born in Congleton, Chesh-ire, his education was unorthodox, part of it undertaken at the girls' boarding school where his mother was a teacher. He graduated with a first in English from Bedford College, London and found his true motion as a few parties. his true metier as a journalist, adding "Tewdwr" to his by-line and contributing to publications ranging from the Tatler to the People. One min-ute he would be interviewing the Bishop of Gibraltar for the London Evening Standard, the next be would be in conversation with Armistead Maupin for Harpers & Queen.

Many of those he met on journalistic assignments bejournalistic assignments oc-came friends, and the large tea parties he gave would gather together a wide range of people of all ages and backgrounds. He was also extraor-dinarily well-informed and know the best place to buy exotic flowers or where to find all-male tango classes, Robert was the person to tell you, in his mocking upper-

class drawl. His extensive knowledge of the Middle East bore fruit in Cleopatra's Wedding Present: Travels in Syria, which he finished just before his death. He was an intreptd traveller, bringing back from distant lands hilarious and alarming anecdotes which seem as fresh in print as they did in

Robert's nature was as romantic as his appearance. Careless of his heart, he was inclined to lose it to unlikely or unsuitable people, giving weefully comic accounts of his misadventures. He was never careless of his friends, and proved both imaginative and practical in his sympathy and support during their crises. He was devoted to his three cats and became in-volved in several animal welfare organisations. The impression he made on people was immediate and lasting, so little raver and Lot into a gent | that even those who had met him on a handful of occasions now feel that someone impor-tant has unaccountably vanished from their lives.

Robert Louis Tewdwr Moss ournalist and travel writer, born December 29, 1961; died August

Letter

Bill Horner prites: I was intrigued by the obituary of 200t suit pioneer Harold C Fox (August 24). Training in witnessed, on cross-border visits. Detroit police dragging blacks off street cars — and many were not wearing 200t the South working in Detroit factories were freer, more visible and had money. Anyone in a zoot suit became an easy target for white resentment. Back in 1947 London I purchased at Cecil Gee a "drape shape," jacket, with well pad-ded shoulders and long lapels. The joke of the day was; "I like your jacket — pity you left the hanger in."



'You fantasise your desires and paint them' . . . David Donaldson with his Marriage Of Cana

## Dominant dreamer of Glasgow art school

century Glasgow School of art was his home, first as tentative student, and later, during the halcyon pre-bureaucracy days, as dominant Head of Painting. David Donaldson, who has died aged 80, was one of the most important figures in post-war Scottish art. His outrageous sense of hu-

mour, mercurial personality and volatile temper combined him into a brilliant if idiosyn-

Donaldson lived and breathed a passion for paint. His own work was both ex-pressive, painterly and direct. Instinct and imagination were paramount, and all his pictures convey a healthy sensuality. You fantasise your desires and paint them," be once said. He loved paintne once sand He loved paining beautiful women and did it superbly. "It's not difficult. You have to paint from beneath your navel. Perhaps it's the best compliment you can pay a woman."

His formal portraits were often less successful than his portraits of family and friends but he excelled in self-portraiture, where he either deliberately bared his portly body, (nude but for a strategi-cally placed flower or comic parcel of fish and chips) — or, increasingly as time passed, he bared his soul, often showing a bleak, lonely face. This determined honesty coupled

with an ability to poke fun at himself, was one of his most endearing qualities. His rags to riches story, Bohemian to Establishment figure with the title of Her Majesty's Painter and Limner

his robust, cantankerous atti- pline: an alternative "talking tude. He was, to the end, a man whose chip on his shoulder was about the same size as his heart.

Despite his unconventional family background, his grandfather paid his fees when, at 15, he got to art school There the school's director took Donaldson under his wing. By the third year he was painting portraits for £20. prize and in 1927 a £50 travel

He either bared his body, (nude but for a strategically placed flower or parcel of fish and chips), or he bared his soul

go abroad for the first time. He went to the Uffizi in Florence. It was a journey the 20-year-old never forgot, and was, he maintained, his key experience as a painter. Donaldson's training in the 1930s was essentially aca-demic. As his early works show, he was clearly a very talented student. His heroes were and remained the great European masters: Gova and Velazquez. Cubism and abstraction mean nothing to

and scurrilous repartee. Donaldson married twice. He had a son, David, by his first wife Kate Maxwell and two daughters, Sally and Caroline by his widow, Marysia, whom he married in 1948; plus four grandchildren. He painted all of them frequently, latterly in their house in the South of France. him. His subject matter was essentially traditional: still life, landscape, allegorical compositions, and of course the portraiture which made him famous. Ironically these

David Donaldson, portrait

Face to Faith

## For a priest it must never be safety first

Ken Leech

says that priesthood is "the office which ritually, inwardly and ascetically shares the dying and rising of Christ." In the context of the concentration camp, when the priest is without status and function, without bread and wine, the sacrificial heart of priesthood is laid bare, its essential char-

acter exposed. The priestly ideal used and converts the nothingness offers. Here the priest's sacerdotal dedication encounters the vacuum with self-sacrifice. The priest at the camp counts because he has no desires of

managerial and professional models of ministry, but they speak more to me as a priest than the material coming own lives.

from church bureaucracies. It Now that

ately concerned that the Church does not respond in the wrong way, by panicking into looking for safety and avoiding risk. I do not believe which the world of Auschwitz that is what Christopher Gray Mers. Here the priest's sacer would want. Indeed, in his only published work a collec-tion of essays written with other priests, he wrote about the meaning of priesthood; self-importance and gives life the supreme act of the shep-because he stanus already be-yond extermination." the meaning of priesthood; the supreme act of the shep-the sheep" and spoke of ond extermination."

Strange words in an era of priests called to grow to be paragrainal and professional like Christ in their faithful service of their flocks even to the point of sacrificing their

was troublingly symbolic that | passed since Gray's death, we was troublingly symbolic that the feest of St Maximilian Kolbe, ample and inspiration teaches the Franciscan priest who has the free story of the Franciscan priest who has the feest of St Maximilian Kolbe, ample and inspiration teaches us. Yes, it is really important that priests, and other pastoral workers in vulnerable stimulations are supplied to focus on what his expect to focus on white his expect to focus on whit save another prisoner — that ral workers in vulnerable situ-we learned of the murder of ations are given proper supwe learned of the murder of young priest Christopher Gray in Liverpool.

Anything one says in the aftermath of such an appalling death can seem trite and insensitive. But I am desperately concerned that the remote from people and from

danger. Roently I rang a central London church and was given in-formation (on a recorded message) about concerts, but nothing about pastoral care. I rang another parish and was told, on a Thursday, that the priest would not be available until Monday and his home number was unavailable. I almost said that I was dying and needed the last rites, but as-sumed I would be told to delay the process. Worries about sethe process. Wall to take precurity often seem to take preignore this history, and it is and community theologian at St
not surprising that the Botolph's Aldgate, London. Now that a little time has spiritual need.

I am appelled at the way in | Church should want to reswhich many priests and min-isters are buying into secular (often outdated) managerial models and are becoming in-creasingly difficult to contact (or should we now say "access"?) after 5pm. The concept of "professional ministry" has spread along with a fear of in-timacy (to some extent due to the surfacing of sexual mis-conduct), and a concern with "boundaries" which has in some places brought any pastoral ministry of a more than superficial kind to an end. More pastors now hide behind Ansafones or secretaries, and increasingly live apart from their work in places known only to friends. HAVE hardly ever minis-

tered in an area that could be called "safe". My pasto-ral ministry since 1964 has been in Hoxton, Soho, Bethnal Green, Notting Hill, and now Aldgate and Whitechapel. I have, apart from a few years, always lived "on the job". I am not likely to trivialise the problems. Many parish clergy are exposed in a way that social workers and other "pro-fessionals" whose home addresses remain "secret" are not. Vicarages and clergy houses on the other hand, are public buildings. Calls at 3am are not uncommon. It would

A recent well-intentioned report from the Church of gland in London, Knocking at Heaven's Door, contains some appallingly bad advice. "Do not engage with callers on the doorstep". "Do not invite the caller inside". "Do not undertake a pastoral relationship". All this flies in the face of my own pastoral experi-ence. There may well be people whom one should not invite inside, and the doorstep is not always the best place for pastoral encounters. But to give such blanket advice is irresponsible and ignores the occurs in odd places and at odd hours. Had I taken the advice in this report, much of my pastoral work would never

have occurred. Perhaps the real clue to this report lies in the words on the opening page which tell us it was paid for by "Ecclesiastical Insurance". When pastoral theology is determined, not by the gospel, but by the Church insurance company, we are in deep trouble. The Church dies, as the catholic anarchist Dorothy Day said, when security takes the place of the life and death of ordinary people. I am sure Christopher Gray would

Weekend Birthdays



If actors are laboratory prototypes for contemporary ard Gere (47 today) is still in the experimental stage. The Gere looks great with that white frosting atop, the teeth, the supervinyl skin. But they haven't yet perfected the manner. Transmission problems. The Gere's humanoid rather than the real thing. The Bud-dhist prayer beads on one wrist and the Rolez on the other. The trip to Tibet, with the tabloids of the nations blaring the Gere disappearance, while it's wobbling round Lhasa on a hired bicycle and mingling with mor-tals in the Holiday Inn's coffee shop, The Hard Yak Cafe. The full-page all-copy ad in the Times — the paper even a humanoid would have heard of — to proclaim the durabil-

which shortly thereafter ended in divorce. The choice of parts, too — you don't want to risk a precious developmental model very often in unknown environments; for every internal Affairs (where the Gere was amazingly plau-sible as an Iago of the LAPD) you need at least three First Knights where it can just glide and ride back to the lab. no

Today's other birthdays: Serge Blanco, rugby footballer, 38; Prof Robert Hanbury Brown, astronomer, 80; James Coburn, actor, 68; Liz Forgan, former managing director, BBC network radio, 52; Clive Lloyd, cricketer, 52; Prof Sir Bernard Lovell, FRS, astronomer, former di-rector, Jodrell Bank, 83; Van Morrison, rock singer, 51; Ed Moses, athlete, 41; Itzhak Perlman, violinist, 51; Shahwar Sadeque, BBC governor 54; Su Ye, Chinese writer and film editor, 47.

Tomorrow's birthdays: Six Kenneth Bradshaw, admin-istrator, Compton Verney Opera House Trust, 74 Yvonne de Carlo, actress, 74 Gloria Estefan, singer, 39: Gwynfor Evans, president, Plaid Cymru, 84; Margaret ity and steadfastness of the Ewing, Scottish Nationalist 071 713 467 Fan O'l

marriage to Cindy Crawford MP, 51; Barry Gibb, singer, which shortly thereafter 50; Ruud Gullit, footballer, 34; Allen Jones, pop artist, 59; Lord (Cecil) Parkinson, for-mer Conservative minister, 65; Donald Piggott, former director-general, British Red Cross Society, 76; Lord Thom-son of Fleet, newspaper proprietor, 73.

Death Notices

In Memoriam

Marriages

### In pole position for the prize

But what if Clinton lets it slip?

BILL CLINTON gave the commentators a hard time at the Democratic convention with an acceptance speech which proclaimed an age of hope but opened no new doors. It was all the harder because the only real news had come a few hours earlier, throwing an unwanted light on a much less salubrious part of the premises. It was difficult yesterday to decide which description of Mr Clinton following his performance was the least exciting. Was he perhaps a "forward-looking centrist" - or else an "out-sized optimist with small-scale proposals" - or simply a "man of moderation"?

On the evidence of this speech - and it is the evidence which the Democratic camp offers as proof of Mr Clinton's vision for the future — we already know the answer to the great big question about Mr Clinton's second term. Will he seize the opportunity, freed from the prospect of a further contest, to recapture the radical mood of 1992 and seek to do what was left undone before? Or will he continue to position himself (as advised by the lately departed "guru" Dick Morris) at the apex of the triangle formed by the Republicans and his own Democratic Party, claiming a position of detachment from "partisan" politics? Between these two possibilities there was never really any contest given the inherent ambiguities of Mr Clinton's new democratic position in his first term, there was no prospect of sharper clarity ahead. His appeal to the American voter relies heavily on the consensus argument that, as he put it in his speech, "on issues that once tore us apart, we have changed the old politics of Washington." In spite of a good deal of advance hype, his speech took care not to frighten off anyone by including too many new thoughts. Most of it was a recapitulation of the mixed bag of executive and legislative action which he has been promoting in recent months. The only two new ideas were judiclously balanced: a new capital-gains tax break for homeowners and tax incentives for businesses that create jobs to employ welfare recipients.

Positioning himself in the centre (though as the spectrum shifts this now occupies a position which formerly would have been regarded as well to the right of centre) Mr Clinton has adopted what may be an appropriate tactic corresponding with his own temperament. Rising above party politics strikes a chord with many Americans who feel that politics has sunk beneath them. In doing so Mr Clinton denies the middle ground to a Republican Party which knows it needs to occupy it but is under constant pressure from its own rightwing not to do so. With the polls narrowing, ough still in his favour he is aiming for the swin vote. It is a tactic which will be instantly recognisable to anyone remotely connected with Tony Blair and his campaign. Yet it runs into the same difficulty, though in more muted form this week, of placing the loyalty and commitment of his own party under strain.

Mr Clinton was greeted with genuine rapture when his whistle-stop tour finally brought him to Chicago. Unlike the experience of many predecessors, his second half has been distinctly better than the first. He has hauled the Democrats a long way out of the abyss into which they fell at the mid-term elections - in large part by stealing Republican clothes on a balanced budget, welfare and crime. He has also been helped by the ineptitude of the Gingrich tendency, and by recent foreign policy successes. Yet Mr Clinton's own party follows him with the head more than with the heart. The audience was noticeably silent when he proclaimed his intention to "balance the budget", only bursting into applause when he added that this should not be done at the expense of Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment. It was also significant that Mr Clinton's benefit-paring welfare reform bill, which he signed only a week ago, hailing it as a great achievement, was barely mentioned on the convention floor. None of this will matter tremendously in the next couple of months: the prize is too great for dissent. But if it were to slip from Mr Clinton's grasp - perhaps because the "behaviour" factor refuses to go away - then the inquest would be devastating.

### The crowning insult? A relic best left alone

EVEN AS they warm their hands over what they profoundly hope is a rekindled feelgood factor, Conservative politicians are constantly aware of brushfires breaking out around the territory. However Michael Howard emerges in the prison controversy there will be damage to his government in this conflagration. And even where no blame attaches, events conspire against them. As in the south of Scotland, where archaeologists working at Melrose Abbey believe they may have dug up the heart of Robert the Bruce.

This is at a time when Scotland is still under the spell of Braveheart, Mel Gibson's account of its great national hero Wallace. Bruce, in a sense, carried on where Wallace left off. Wallace was sentenced, hanged, drawn, beheaded and quartered in London in 1305. Between 1307 and 1313, Robert drove the English back until only Stirling and Berwick were left to them. In 1314, marshalling a force of 30,000 men against a reputed 100,000 under the rather less warlike Edward II, he finished them off at Bannockburn, opening the way to

Scots independence. Shrewd politicians, especially before elections, tend to take such things seriously. The SNP embraced Braveheart as a kind of recruiting sergeant for nationalism. And though at one time one might have expected the Scottish secretary Michael Forsyth to ridicule it, in fact he not only praised it, but attended the premiere wearing a kilt. Some even ascribed John Major's decision to return the Stone of Scone to Scotland to the Braveheart factor. If the Melrose archaeologists' hopes are justified, and the casket they have recovered does indeed turn out to contain the heart of this still more formidable warrior, Mr Major had better have something even more substantial concealed up his sleeve. But even the finding in Burnham-on-Crouch next week of some comparable relic connected with Richard the Lionheart would hardly carry the same political kick. Perhaps chairman Brian Mawhinney's best hope for whipping up excitement and pride in a line of English heroes lies in Liam Botham's triumphant debut for Hampshire this week. But unhappily for Dr Mawhinney, the season is almost over.

**Letters to the Editor** 

### Gay lifestyle with no content

T IS a relief to me that an increasing number of gay Peter Tatchell (Cashing in, coming out August 29), find the political apathy and shallow hedonism that is encouraged by some aspects of today' gay "scene" a source of worry. Many gay people, seemingly immersed in a "party" life-style, are effectively helping to

perpetuate anti-gay discrimi-nation by their complacency. John Major's recent attack on the National Lottery Chari-ties Board illustrated that his party remains willing to exploit homophobia. Meanwhile the Labour Party has ditched (from The Road To The Manifesto) the few clear commitments to gay law reform that it held at the last general

It is likely that today's onedimensional, solely hedonistic "gay lifestyle" appeals to only fraction of gays and lesbians Even so, several of the free gay weeklies (whose main advertising revenue comes from clubs, phonelines and soft porn rideos) continue to create a begemony that if you're gay and under 35, this is the "lifestyle" that you should adopt. The time has come for a widespread realisation that al-

Crude in the

campaigning

CHRIS Davies (Letters, August 30) expects an apology from Peter Mandel-son for the Labour Party's

campaign in last year's Little-

byelection. I would point out

election by seeing, possibly for

that the rest of the country was enlightened during the

the first time, the local campaigning style of the Liberal

Rochdale, in national and

local elections, the campaigns

are offensive, misleading and

an insult to the electorate. If

any apology is to be expected.

should be from Chris Davies

and the Liberal Democrats.

OVER the years, Austin Mitchell has not infre-

quently brought a touch of hu-

mour to politics (Style debate sterile, says Blair, August 30).

Indeed, Austin's approach to

politics has changed but little

since student davs. In Labour

long since ceased to have any

political relevance; probably

most party members are un-

The Guardian's decision to

compare Tony Blair with Kim

The concept of internal party

democracy is always slightly elusive. If Labour MPs have a

greater say in party policy, then party members will have a lesser say. If the views of

members are the sole determi-

nant of policy, then the much

larger number of Labour vot-

that they may withhold their

support at general elections.

Univ. of Central Lancashire.

NEVER mind Austin Mitch-ell. Tony Blair is doing

by associating with Vera Duck

worth, wife of one of the north's leading pigeon-fanci-ers and landlady of the Rovers

least have been pictured shak-ing hands with Mike Baldwin.

Return (aka the Old Labour

Arms). Our Tony might at

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buge damage to New Labour

(Prof) Stanley Henig.

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ance right.

Perhaps Blair has got the bal-

ers will have no say, except

Il Sung would appear to be both puerile and insulting.

aware that it still exists.

Party terms, his New States-

Susan Ayres. 46 Elmsfield Avenue,

borough & Saddleworth

though some gay businesses are beneficial and communityrelated, many others are motivated solely by profit. John Jackson Natal Road. London SW16

ETER Tatchell casti-gates the gay community for their cynicism over our failure to gain an basic civil rights but he is wrong to blame the commercialisation of the pink pound.

Openly gay businesses are increasing in numbers and in the range of services they offer, and part of this success story is the economic power it provides our community. If we cannot gain equality through moral argument, then we must use all the resources at our disposal to make our point, and that includes selecting where we are going to spend our dis-Stephen Coote. Eurolink Business Centre, Effra Road, London SW2

HE saddest thing about Peter Tatchell's welcome shots at gay consumer ism is that this debate simply cannot happen in the gay

Tales of love

and censorship

OLITA, the novel, the film

by Kubrick or the remake

by Schiff is not about "love". Your libertarian attitude (For

Love of Lolita, August 28) fails

to take into account the power

relations between the male adult and the female child.

freely given on the basis of

not conceive of a situation

knowledge, understanding and

equality of relationship. I can-

where children and adolescen

brated as uncontrollable in Lo-lita and it is this particular

THE great thing about novels is that they reveal what it

overwhelmed by emotion, hav-

ing just become a dad for the

econd time I bought The

I was amazed, however.

when I came to the article

(Women detained after hijack

released, August 29) on the hi-jacking of a Tanzanian airline

in 1982 to Stanstead Airport.

The impression was given

that the hijacking was under-taken "using an imitation gun

and candlesticks made to look

like dynamite". This was not

so! One of my sisters was the

only stewardess on board the

dodging an attempted stabbing

by one man. She also survived a knife held to her throat when

one hijacker recognised her as being related to one of his ex-schoolteachers, another sis-

ter of mine.
The fact that the co-pilot was

shot in the back proves that the

OUR leader (The politics of

Y hijacking, August 29) rightly made a case against

rightly made a case against granting political asylum to the Iraqi hijackers. However, you could have pointed out that the Iraqis today are des-

gun was no imitation.

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London NW99ND.

Boeing 737. She received a small cut to the abdomen,

Guardian to relax.

No knifepoint diplomacy

THIS morning while I was perate people, tormented both

could have such understand-

ing. Male sexuality is cele-

construction of masculinity

that enables men to sexually

abuse children.

London N19.

Cheryl Stafford.

press. A single company now strangles and misreports news, servicing advertisers rather than readers, gossiping instead of reporting. By and large we love it — they tell us how to improve our looks, now to stay young, where to drink and where to shop.

Most importantly, the postpolitical gay community is told how to look and act straight. At last, we can buy our way into normality. All we ever wanted was to be liked, and those camp queens or angry militants always rubbed people up the wrong way. Kill-ing them off and shutting them up means the nice guvs at Stonewall and The Pink Poper can wine and dine with style. and the rest of us can go down the gym or get our hair done. Bankside Close. Whitley.

OMMERCIALISM and consumerism are in-deed superseding con-cern about civil rights in the gay community.
The editorial policy of The Pink Paper, the only national weekly newspaper for lesbians and gay men, has changed

from being a radical publica-

ton — like the old Gay News and Capital Gay. Most of it is now given over to entertain-As a gay men who has been

involved in the lesbian and may rights movement since the Homosexual Law Reform Society's campaign in the 1960s, I am appolled at this new trend. George Broadhead. Spring Lane. Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV&.

WAS one of the 300 neuple on the first Pride march 25 years ago, this year, I was amongs: 400 times that num-ber The first march was conducted with passion and commidment, opposing the injustices gays face (it was also enjoyable) This year the dem-enstration was only a colourful parade with just six minutes devoted to politics.

At a time when everyone's civil liberties are under threat with the Criminal Justice Act. ID cards and video surveillance sexual minorities are often targeted. We need to work together now before our rights disappear because we're too busy clubbing. Nettie Pollard. Caledonian Road.

else. But who says this has to be | make it more seductive. Nabocomfortable? To object to Lolita on the grounds that its subject is a paedophile is like objecting to Rembrandr's Flayed Ox because one shrinks from the thought of the slaughterhouse It is squeamishness of just that kind which underlies the demand for censorship. As the gorge rises, so does a conviction that not merely oneself but all readers should be protected from the text.

If the book happens to be skilled and intelligent so much the worse, for these qualities

In its determination to top-

ple Saddam, the West spear-

against Iraq, hoping that the resultant economic hardship

would de legitimise his regime

and precipitate its collapse. Saddam may have been weak-

ened by the trade sanctions,

but the real victims of this col

lective punishment have been the people of Iraq. Six years of

tion and destroyed the social

The United Nations appears

o be legitimising human suf-

fering in Iraq at the behest of

HE suggestion that the Sudan flight terrorists should be tried in Britain mus

stances should the threat of

terrorism be rewarded by

treatment move favourable than for those who seek

asylum by lawful and peaceful

Randhir Singh Bains.

the West

Gants Hill.

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F Whitehead.

Small Dole, Henfield, West Sussex BN5.

headed the UN sanctions

kov's book continues to disturb after 40 years of shelf-life because it has a powerful grasp of human reality. The reader knows what it is like to be Hum ber: Humbert, and steps back with a gasp from sharing his identity is this bad? I don't think so I'm not a priedophile. just a graphy and writer for keds - but those who shout for suppression scare me far more than Nabokov's terrible understanding.

Alison Prince. Burnfoot Whating Bay, Isle of Arran KA27 8QL

### Cutting bread

August 20 and A monarchy in zrouble - part two border more on wishful thinking than reality. It would seem that if the British monarchy proposes change, it is in trouble. If the Hashemite monarchy take action, it is also in brouble. If neither takes any action, then

they are in even deeper trouble The cost price of bread in Jor-dan is an issue which should have been tackled long ago. Donor countries would not have given one billion dollars to Jordan had we not acted to eliminate the budget deficit, arising mostly from the bread subsidy. Your leader mentions uneven

economic growth in Jordan. However, having to cope with huge population influxes over 45 years as a result of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the second

planning a joke.
You refer to the "light-footed diplomacy" of Jordan's peace treaty with Israel. This was concluded because it fitted our strategic outlook and followed in the footsteps of Egypt and the PLO. Jordanians realise that economic improvement can only occur if there is peace. Bassam J Asfour. Director, Jordan Information 11/12 Buckingham Gate,

London SWIE 6LB.

Only youthful horizons

HARLES Hendry (Mad about the buys and girls, August 27) has tried the old "young prople have never had it so good" routine before, to sixth-formers in his High Peak constituency Here in High Peak, one in four of those offi-cially unemployed is under 25 years old. Our county's schools receive amongst the lowest funding per child from this government. The local FE college was forced into making midterm cuts and tencher redundancies — all at a time when opportunities for our young people should be expanding. Those who do find jobs — like the Glossop school-leaver of fered full-time work paying £1 an hour, or the young graduato who quit his job as a van driver because the vehicle was a death trap-are entitled to expect

Mr Hendry is still in his thirtes, and about to become a father for the first time, so it is not surprising that he sees the world through desperately optimistic eyes. However, he will not see this romantic vision become a reality as long as his party is in government. Tom Levitt. 42 Bath Road, Buxton, Derbyshire SK176HJ.

HARLES Hendry MP is right to be proud of Brit-ain's youth and its op-partunities. The TUC and the Labour Party have to explain how a minimum wage would help younger workers. The reality is that it wouldn't, as any economics A-level student could tell you. A minimum

wage would push up wage costs and reduce employment opportunities. 26 Stubbs House London SW1P 4DY

# ENDRY is refreshingly optimistic I have just graduated from university. I spent my gap year teaching in China. I have also visited the former Soviet states of Ar-menia and Nagorno Karabakh on a human-rights mission. Those are opportunities that no previous generation of 18-to 22-year-olds ever had. Ben Rogers. St Edward's Chantry. Bimport, Dorset SP7 8BA.

HARLES Hendry elaums that we can't afford a minimum wage while si-multuneously suggesting that young people in part-time or emporary work earn such massive wages that they can "cara enough to enjoy their social life". Maybe, if they live with their parents. But how can someone on £2.50 to £3 per hour or less earn enough for rent, food, and to have a social life? There may be record num-

bers of young people entering higher education, but at the (vid they face an uncertain future, saddled with debt. According to him "the leisure menu has never been more ap petising". The truth is that mil-lions of young people can only stand outside the restaurant and droot. Jean Hales. The Brondway.

### Channel 4's hurrah for the eighties

MAGGIE Brown accuses me of "sounding like an eighties man" for not recognising Channel 4 is using "a tres-sured (sic) range of the broad-casting spectrum without paying a price for the privi-

lege" (Fear and groaning at the BBC, G2, August 28). Whose privilege? Unlike the ITY companies, Channel 4 uses its income for programmes, not to make profits. ITV prop-erly pays for the right to make money. Taxing Channel 4 for the use of spectrum would be the same as taxing the BBC Licence Fee: the price would

Channel 4 delivers public service television without public money, or a penny diverted to shareholders. That was the result of the 1981 Broadcasting Act, an eighties idea that has stood the test of time. Michael Grade. Chief Executive, Channel 4 Television. 134 Horseferry Road,

be paid directly by the viewer.

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Wa regret we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters. We may edit them: shorter ones are more likely to appear.

### A Country Diary

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: Over a | would have spent a formight five day period on the limestone plateau which lies to the east of us 200 feet higher up the scarp, the grain harvest was rapidly completed. The timing was perfect, for heavy rain has fallen since. But all that remains in the stubble fields are the great circular bales of straw which modern agricultural machinery makes of the grain stalks rather than the brick shapes of old. They await tractors with the long front spike attachment to lift them for transport home. It was impressive to watch the speed with which, almost as if by signal, the arable farmers on the plateau started the har rest. An extended period of sun and wind rinened the grain, the moisture gauges must have confirmed, from a trial handful, that the harvest was on and the great combine moved into the fields. With power ratings up to 3,000 horsepower the speed at which a combine can move round a field ejecting a constant stream of golden grain into the side bins is remarkable. I fell to reflecting on the human labour and horsepower which

or more doing this job a century ago, with much sweat ex-pended and many a firkin barrel of ale provided in the cool of the evening by way of thanks and encouragement. Now, with a combine, two men can complete a large field in half a day. So, through one week, the fields which line the A46 between here and Bath were a scene of dusty activity as the machines roared round And now, with the harvest complete, all is quiet again, Back at home, down the scarp, the Victoria plums are almost ready for their brief harvest and, on Sunday morning, I lifted the onion crop. When you consider the minimal cost of some Spanish onions grown in the fierce heat of Andalusia I often wonder why I bother to grow such a gross feeding crop. But I enjoy my imitation of a Breton peasant as I string them up in the outhouse for slow consumption through the hearty food of winter or, in-deed, in the excellent onion soup which is a speciality of the cuisine of the lady

COLIN LUCKHURST

## ights, camera, anaesthetic, incision



Mark Lawson

N A recent poll, American television viewers were asked which fictional television doctor they would most like to remove their ap-pendix. They chose Dr Mark Greene of ER. The actor who pretends to be him, Anthony Edwards, spoke rather snifflly about people not understanding the difference between medicine and showbiz. The same charge has been widely made against the video Everyday Operations, which features choice cuts from National Health Service surgery. The makers call it educational; the Government calls it sick and exploitative and took out an injunction. But this seems to me a misdiagnosis. The collision between medicine and showbiz is one of the central trends of our time and passes by a spurting artery. sicians and interested by Everyday Operations is ITV's Jimmy's followed standers for a combination of merely its most noteworthy patients in and out of the education and novelty, such

permissions — a fear that the patients may have been, as it were, stitched up - but it is from his comments that Mr Malone also has objections m principle.

For him — and for pundits who have taken the same line - there are two primary objections: that operations have no place as entertainment and that doctors, who were reportedly paid by the video-mak-ers, should not be involved in commercial exploitation. How can these people make either case with a straight face? Where have they been for the last 15 years?

Body-carving as drama has become one of television's most popular genres. Some op-ponents of the National Health nospital fact is being marketed as medical soap opera turning casualty into Casualty — but the screening of real-life operations is an essential lement of the regular schedules. The BBC's recent Knife To The Heart featured hours of full-colour footage of cardiac reconstruction. The science series ORD rarely

manifestation. The junior perating theatres of St that English medical jargon family entertainment. Dr health minister, Gerry Malone, was granted his injunction because of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of St that English medical jargon still calls the place where operations take place a continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of St that English medical jargon family entertainment. Dr hillary Jones and Dr Mark erations take place a continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of St that English medical jargon family entertainment. Dr health minister, Gerry Malone, was granted his injunction of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about "Cur" shouted in an operation of the continuous of worries about the continuous of worries about the continuous of the continuous of t ing theatre referred unambignously to flesh. Yet this week's outraged ob-

iections to surgical procedures

reaching the screen were never heard during this nightly traffic of cutting and suture. This raises the interesting possibility that the Govermment's objection is on ar-tistic grounds. There is a wellknown prejudice in cinematic circles about material released "straight to video" because it is thought too weal to risk at the multiplexes. Per haps it is Tory policy that NHS operations should first receive full theatrical release on terrestrial television. Perhaps, to make surgery really high art, the renovation of the South Bank arts complex could include the creation of a National Operating Theatre

will perform their incisions for a paying public. The willingness of doctors to participate in such a video should also cause little surprise. The quack and the ham have long overlapped. Early surgery was usually performed to an audience, of physicians and interested by-

in which our finest sawbones

ways been part of the normal process of medicine that the patients died while the doctors became immortal, at least in name. Parkinson, Huntingin this summer's fertility pubdon, Alzheimer, Creutzfeldt and Jakob have become as familiar to the sick and the hypocondriac as their local railway stations.

But medical celebrity of that kind requires long years in the laboratory. In modern

The collision between medicine and showbiz is one of the central

times, society has created a fast stream for the doc who wants to be hot: television and the press. Professor Robert Winston's efforts as impregna-tor to the nation earned him a peerage but also, quite as significantly, that other contemporary medal of validation, a peak-time TV series, Making Bables, which gave a new

trends of our time

being low-paid GPs to high-earning media celebrities. The concept of the celebrity

doctor is so far advanced tha

licities - the mother who aborted one twin, the woman carrying eight implanted em-bryos — the presiding physi-cian has stepped effortlessly into the flashlights. The doctor to the putative octuplets even posed for newspaper photographs with the expectant couple, in a ghastly contemporary refinement of the family portrait which brought to mind an illustration in a book on troilism. So is it any wonder that the country's surgeons proved so keen to show the public a little of the man behind the mask?

And any worries that the Government may have about private financial transactions with the surgeons featured on the tape seem particularly hypocritical. It is reportedly common in Tory-encouraged private medicine for the pa-tient to be offered a video of the procedure for a small fee, For doctors to sell the video rights in their patients to an

The reaction of the juntor health minister and many this surgical nasty represents a rare observation of taste, which must be checked if the video shops are not soon to stock Amazing Autopsies, starring John F Kennedy, Robert Maxwell and the vic-

tims of TWA flight 800. Everyday Operations, though, is a logical result of the everyday operation of government and culture. An administration which has spent years urging doctors to become money-conscious and cost efficient heads to court to take out an injunction against a product which results largely from hospitals and doctors heeding such bottomline advice. The BBC -- whose news programmes reacted with maidish horror to the prospect of the video tonight begins a season of pro-grammes celebrating the 50th anniversary of the NHS, featuring replays of some of the best-loved televised incisions and suctions from its own vast operation archive. A fertility doctor faced next week with a mum who wants to pick-andmix among her triplets or take a punt at a record 10 live births knows that he is guarpeak-time TV series, Making outside company seems well anteed his place in the media Babies, which gave a new in line with the market sun. Surgery has no place as twist to the expression about reforms imposed on the NHS.

## The see-through reality of sanctions

### Commentary

### Martin Woollacott

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* han travelled to
Libya to accept the
interestingly
named Muammar Gadafi
Human Rights Award, he and the Libyan leader knew they would be holding up a cheeky mirror to the moralising for-eign policy which Bill Clintonhas made his own.

Libya offers a reminder that, since the Gulf war, sanctions, in the broad sense of economic punishments for moral transgressions, have be-come more and more prominent in everbody's diplomacy. We are in an age of sanctions, and we are in a muddle over sanctions. Hardly a week seems to pass without news of sanctions being proposed, ap-plied, protested, lifted, or quarrelled over, whether it is in Libya, Cuba, Nigeria, Burma, Iran, Iraq, Burundi or

the US enemies' list, sanctions have been, in theory, extended to its closest allies. Sanctions were central to

the arguments over South Af-rica and Israel in earlier years. But the idea of a new, more systematic, less disputed conditionality, of shaping trade and other relations so as trade and other relations so as to bring about changes for the better in misgoverned states, received a powerful impetus after the Gulf war. It seemed after the Gulf war. It seemed to offer a general moral hasis for foreign policy, and a tariff for misbehaviour that would deter governments from bad behaviour everywhere.

But the reasonable idea that conditions could be

conditions could be more con-sistently imposed by groups of states to induce changes in the behaviour of other states has only intermittently worked in practice. It is, in the first place, very ambitious. But, in addition, it is always in dan-ger of sliding away into play-acting for domestic audiences or, internationally, into disputes between those who want serious sanctions and those who advocate "constructive engagement" or "critical dia-logue". These arguments often barely conceal the trade inter-

Serbia. With America's recent ests of different industrial efforts to punish foreign firms powers, or the cultural prejudor dealing with countries on diese of different civilisations. powers, or the cultural preju-dices of different civilisations. The games that can be played under cover of such phrases eign policies of democratic states, beyond the basic requirement of ensuring physical security, are now based firmly on two pillars — trade advantage and human rights. The contradictions are obvi-ous. The result is a crisis of

conditionality, for which we

badly need a new charter. When West European countries called on South East Asian nations recently to join them in putting pressure on Burma, and the US senate voted for sanctions, the regional reaction was on the lines of "Mind your own busi ness." Malaysia laid on a full state welcome for the leader of the Burmese junta, and the Association of South East Asian States gave Burma ob-server status in the organisation. West European public opinion, meanwhile, has layed its part in the decision by the brewers Carlsberg and Heineken to pull out of Burms. It would be no sur-

own, as Italy, Spain, Germany and France do in Libya and Iran, it is they who play the advocates of dialogue. Clin-ton's recent measures against Iran and Libya and against foreign firms investing there may have been got up for a home audience and in response to Republican efforts to nicture him as soft on picture him as soft on

But, as the exiled Iranian journalist Amir Taheri writes, the truth is that neither the American stick nor the European carrot, separately wielded, has worked. Iran's reaction to the American action was to start raving about contracts and trade deals for European states, a clear case of bribery. But this is what the sanc

tions business so often becomes, with countries barely able to conceal their glee that a competitor has taken a moral stance. It can only

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which, under the convenient cover of "critical dialogue", they will represent as leading to social changes which will have favourable political

fully avoiding Chinese human rights issues in the interests of trade, Bonn was punished by Beijing because the Ger-man parliament had had the temerity to pass a resolution condemning Chinese actions in Tibet. China understands well enough how to use its economic weight to put the wind up Western moralisers, and it is in China that the contradictions between human rights and economic interests

can be seen at their fullest. This was Clinton's first reversal in foreign policy, when he came to see, he says that threatening to end China's most favoured nation status on human rights issues was a "blunt instrument" Now the US may face a new Chinese problem, in the shape of the sale of missile-making ripment to Pakistan. This has been overlooked once already after vague assurances from Beijing, but recent reports suggest the imports continue. The penalty is supposedly a two-year ban on most Chinese exports to the United States. Naturally, the chances are that critical dia-

logue will win again.

It has not escaped European notice that the engagement America now recommends with China is the same which it usually rejects, with every appearance of horror, with Cuba or with Libya, Iran and Iraq in the Middle East. The impact of conditionality is blunted by such inconsistency and by America's predilection for unilateral action and for policies aimed at the electorate rather than at the real out-side world. Since John Hay prise if South East Asian consequences.

That is why the United claim the Open Door policy in States and Britain recently 1899, American leaders have have strong interests of their relished German discomfi-

just such semantic challenges at their foreign counterparts, thereby placing themselves in a graceful posture before do mestic American public opinion." Helms-Burton and D Amato-Kennedy, in this read ing, are but the latest instal-ments in a long story of Amer-ican self-dramatisation.

Europe as such rarely launches sanctions. The Euro pean Union, for instance, makes it clear that as an entity it has no position what ever on the disputes between China and Britain over Hong Kong. That would be no use at all, Leon Brittan recently explained. Japan is profession-ally timorous. Non-Western countries tend to see neo-im-perialism, or at least arrogance, in Western inspired sanctions. Commonwealth countries have so far failed to agree on the imposition of serious sanctions on Nigeria, probably because of a dispute of this nature behind the

Sanctions are getting a bad name. Even when applied with unusual vigour and near unanimity, as in Iraq, they have failed, so far, to achieve their object. The threat of eco-nomic remischances whether nomic punishments, whether collective sanctions or unilateral acts by the United States or other countries, is shrugged off by nations such as China, Nigeria, Cuba, and Libya. Too much has been too half-heartedly attempted; there is disagreement on whether the offences justify the proposed punishments; and there is trade rivalry undercutting what little is agreed. Conditionality has become a rhetorical framework for manoeuvre rather than an casion be effectively used.

# people

we make about the tactics which we will shortly see at Brighton, Blackpool and First, the British party con-ferences will continue their transformation into manipu-

to matter. Looking at the

similar to the Kinnock — The

Martin Kettle

N American election rarely fails to turn Brit-ish political heads. Time has done little to remedy this old-fashioned reflex and even the lacklustre 1996 Clin-ton-Dole contest is no excep-tion to the rule.

The thought of attending a party conference in France Germany or even Ireland leaves our MPs and political functionaries scornful about the waste of time involved. Offer them the Republicans in San Diego or the Democrats in Chicago this summer, by contrast, and holidays are re-arranged, duties rescheduled and the queue for tickets stretches round the block.

This weekend, a string of coliticians, mainly Labour, is flying home across the Atlantic. At such a moment, poised on the cusp between the preelection American party conventions and the pre-election British party conferences, it is important to examine the lessons they may have learned.

Some convergences un-doubtedly exist. At a general ideological level, the great question facing both the Dem-ocrats and the Labour Party this autumn is how to rede-fine the role of the state in affordable ways which work effectively and which major-ities will vote for. For their part, both the Republicans and the Conservatives face a search for an agenda which consolidates the anti-government radicalism of the 1980s without divisively handing power to party extremists.

Yet these and other convergences are slippery things when applied in the sharply different societies on either side of the Atlantic. The right, beguiled by the Thatcher-Reagan love-in, has been finding this out the hard way in the first half of the 1990s. In the second half of the deca it could be the turn of the left to learn that the similarities between America and Britain are too easily accentuated and the differences too readily ignored.

ing to say the least, that the paign was so very different, political book most often and partly because Labour is referred to by Labour politicians this summer is by the American EJ Dionne (who tells them something they want to hear) rather than by the British Will Hutton (who tells them something they would rather ignore). Yet it is at the level of

political tactics that the convergences, not to say the unquestioning plagiarism by the British, are really beginning | better get used to it.

American conventions this month, what predictions can

lated rallies to the exclusion of all other functions, especially debate and argument about the party programme. Second, the conferences and the election campaigns which will shortly follow will continue to be focused more than ever on the party leader rather than the party. An increasingly prominent role will also be played by the leader's wife particularly, and by his children, and even by his parents. Labour is clearly set on such a strategy,

Movie approach of 1987. point of view, their overriding function at conference is to present themselves in the most prominent and favourthe exclusion of other media. The attendances at the British conferences will not reach the extremes of the American conventions, at which there were 7.5 accredited media representatives for every one del egate. The British parties have not yet dared to reschedule their proceedings for orime-time evening viewing (though it cannot be long be-fore they do). Yet the entire purpose of party conferences is now to provide viewers with a television event. The conscious decision to take the politics out.

OURTH, in pursuit of such coverage, the par-ties will increasingly resort to stunts, such as video presentations, staged activities by the party leader outand by using sympathetic famous names from the entertainment industry - rather than politicians. Britain's parties are now in a race to emulate Colin Powell and Christopher Reeve with their own celeb endorsements. Can it be long before Princess Diana or Alan Shearer makes an appearance on a party platform?

The American conventions have been a fascinating military exercise between the politicians and the broadcasters.

British parties are catching up quickly, and our media will have to respond hard and fast. At the very least, we should watch out for many more rows between the par-ties and the television

None of this is entirely new but it is all integral to the changing face of political campaigning. These changes come directly from American experience, transplanted into our soil. They are particularly no-ticeable in the Labour Farty, partly because the traditional our conference and cammore eager to absorb American techniques than either the Tories or the Liberal

This summer's conventions have been the most televisually contrived in memory. The coming British conferences and the election campaign

### The A to Z street atlas changed the way we perceive the urban landscape. Jan Morris celebrates the genius, ambience and beauty of the city-lover's bible, whose inventor died earlier this week

## Map of a city's heart

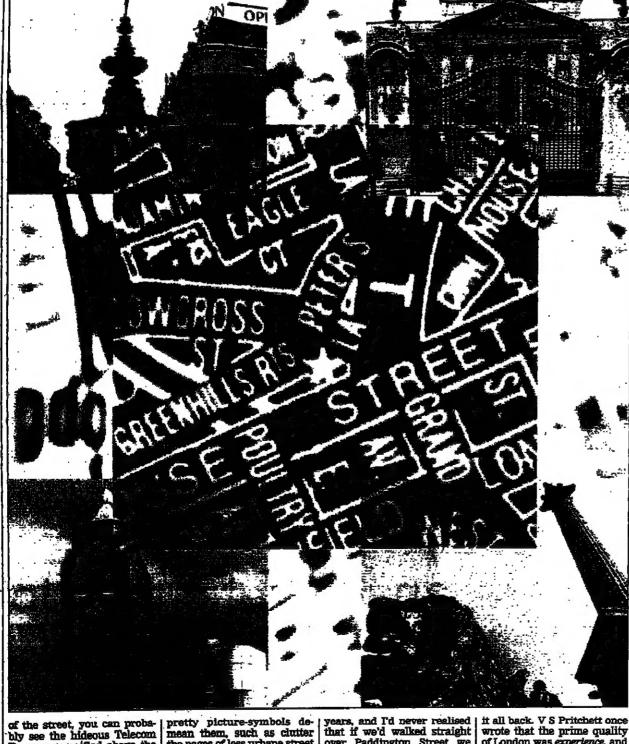
O BE honest I had never heard of Phyllis Pearsall, her death earlier this week, but thought I heard a lamentation in the steets of London, like the mourning of the Grecians when the great god Pan died. She was the lady who invented the A to Z street atlas. not only the rade mecum of every taxi driver, but a econd, bible in all those of us who love to walk the streets of London, She was part of my very life, and I had never even known her name!

that she first brought out the A to Z, in its familiar covers of red, white and blue, its maps rather smudgily black-and-white in those early days, its paper coarse and grey? It is to me as though the book has been with us always, and nowadays when I wander the world I see its cousins, clones or copies everywhere, some-times red, white and blue themselves, and giving me, wherever I see them, an instant frisson of nostalgia for

the old city of their origins. Some cities of course cannot live up to the magic of the A to 2. The grid-cities of the New World deserve no Pearsail. The uncontrollable frensy of a Calcutta or a Tokyo is altogether elien to the spirit of her work. The true A to Z cities are rational but eccentric, jumbled but ex-plicable, ancient, battered, cynical, sentimental, epic, a bit sad, and of these the apex and epitome is London. Mrs Pearsall was part Hungarian, part Irish, part Italian and part Jewish, but she seems from her obituaries to have been your quintessential Londoner, businesswoman and artist too, loyal and unpredictable at the same time; and the London A to Z is both her memorial and her tribute to the flower of cities all, whereto be bored is to be dead.

Out I step early on a Lon-don morning, out from the porch of dear old Durrents Hotel, which has been my London headquarters ever since I read that the blind writer Ved Mehta liked its ambience — out into the mist of George Street, the cabdriver waiting at the kerb looking up expectantly as I appear, hoping I am an American wanting to go to the nirport — down the road into Marylebone High Street, where the corner florist is unloading her chrysanthemums from her van, the Filipino ladies of the super-market are already at their tills, and the veiled sugges-tion of Regents Park at the far end reminds me of those old Hollywood films in which London was permanently shrouded in fog and dark suggestion. This is true A to Z

Of course like every capital London has its grand points of reference, the kind of mnemonics you can pick up on a morning ride in a tour bus morning ride in a tour bus SI Paul's and the Abbey. Hyde Park Corner and the Tower of London, the awful clutter of Oxford Street, the pomp of the Mall. You need never get lost



Towar mummified above the rootops. "You can't miss it", as Londoners invariably say, even if their fractured English seems to demonstrate that they arrived in the country only the day before yesterday.

The A to Z is not for this kind of elementary orienta-tion. The A to Z is for the inbetween places, the filigree, the short cut and the sugges-tive cul-de-sac. When I stop for my morning coffee at a street cafe now, and take the book out of my bag more for old times' sake than for guidance (for I know Marylebone High Street like the back of my hand, and met my life's love in Nottingham Place around the corner), I realise once again how perfectly its style matches the subtlety of the city itself.

mean them, such as clutter the pages of less urbane street atlases. South Bermondsey Station is much more promi-nently marked than Buckingham Palace, and Sam Close, SE7, is just as big in the index as Pall Mall. The A to Z's only concession to tourism is a pair of maps of Cinemas and Theatres, Raymond Revuebar to Queen Elizabeth Hall. Nottingham Place, now. Number nine, wasn't it? Good Lord, look at this. All these

over Paddington Street we could have got into Cramer Street, down Blandford Street and into Wigmore that way! Remember when Johnny fell over that night, coming out of The Angel? It feels like only yesterday.

Oh yes, the A to Z is a terrible prodder of memories, just as old London itself, its mishmash of blacks and whites, beauties and squalors, more than most cities brings

The names themselves, to someone like me, are an index of enthralment. Some great cities have street names like Front Street, Back Street or Fifth Avenue. London's street in inner London — some where close by is one of these unmissable homing beacons. If you cannot make out that gleam of the river at the end to the prodigies of London. No names are a poetical and historical

wrote that the prime quality of London was experience, and although I have grown out of the habit of anthropomorphising cities, still in this one I always feel that the genus loci is watching us with a mixture of affection and worldly cyniism. That nightingale never did sing in Berkeley Square, not even in the beroic nights of the Blitz, but even now I sometimes think its nest ought to be marked some-

where in the A to 2. I suppose few real Londoners ever view their city in this slushy way. It takes an outsider like me. You have to be able to remember, as I do, your very first glimpse of the capital, stepping off the train at Paddington — that yellowy half-light of the morning, fittered through the station's great glass roof — that echoey caconhony of taxi motors and cacophony of taxi motors and muffled shouts that seems particular to London — the eerie whoosh of the air-conditioning down in the Under- the wrong spectacles.

down there — the expression-less gaze of the Londoners, the sudden thrilling recognition of landmarks that you have known in imagination all your life, and that now em somehow preternaturally real — the red-and-greyness of everything, and the jumping on and off of buses, and the flags, and the intricacy... Especially the intricacy. What happy baffled hours the provincial aficionado can

ground, and the strange smell

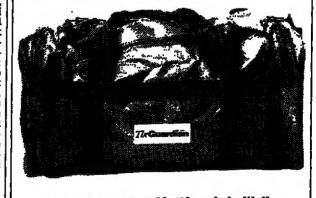
spend pottering around the complex back-streets of London, now and then emerging from mews or graveyard into the European consciousness! E M Forster wrote in his Guide To Alexandria that the best way to see that city was to "wander aimlessly around it". I myself have always obeyed the Psalmists instruc-tions: "Grin like a dog and run about the city". But every aimless wandering, every grinning run, is comple-mented and enhanced by the A to Z. In its maps the intricacy of London is not dimin-ished, only heightened by the web-like mass of its carto-graphy, streets so small that you can hardly see them, names that have to be extended into neighbouring alleys, to make room for them, or are abbreviated into a Pl, a Cr or a CL The names themselves, to someone like me, are an in-

dex of enthralment. Some

great cities have street names like Front Street, Back Street or Fifth Avenue. London's street names, all 23,000 of them recorded in the A to Z, are themselves a poetical and historical anthology, tinged with mystery. One can walk from Mortimer Street to Eastcastle Street. Kinveachy Gar-dens adjoin McCall Crescent turn left and you will get to Artillery Place. And not just in the centre of the city, either, but far, far out across the vast capital, away into the suburbs where the first country green begins to ap-pear, and high in the sky the 747s begin their descent to Heathrow — even far out there Pearsallry survives, and ancient quirks of the London style give spark to rows of ordinary villas, and raise a wry smile from the wandering romantic. Ah, dear Miss Pearsall whom I had never heard of

She herself, I realise now, is London's true genus loci. It is her vigilant old presence (she was 89 when she died) that I feel around me, when I ramble with her masterpiece in my hand in Marylebone or Woolwich, Westminster or Hounslow, with half an hour to spare before my dental appointment, or five hours to kill before my flight takes off. I feel she has been with me always. I can hardly imagine London without the A to Z. How many happy rendezvous have I arranged with its maps in my hand, how many routes of infatuation plotted towards restaurants for young lovers in backstreets! The A to Z takes all time in its stride. and makes one's memories seem timeless still. Hang about a bit, and I'll show you just where Nottingham Place is. Let me see, it must be just about, just about, somewhere about ... Oh damn, I've got

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### The French are finding it hard to give up Gaullist habits of economic intervention, reports MARK MILNER in Paris, as ALEX DUVAL SMITH charts the impact on industry and workers

## Costs of the ancien regime

ached to France's rate structure - a network of cross shareholdgs and directorships linking banks, insurers and industrial groups run by a grandes-écoles educated élite and backed by a strong strand

capitalism without capital"

The main characteristic of [ French capital, in comparison with the Anglo-Saxon [model] is the lack of long-term sav-ings, which comes from the restructuring of the pension

a pay-as-you go system means it lacks the private pension funds that provide a large chunk of the institutional for example, the UK and the US. French savings tend to end up in shorter-term money

market funds and bonds. That is fair enough, but the "statist meccano" jibe has an vene industrially. It is uncomfortable element of heavily involved, for examtruth in it. State involvement in industry has a long history in France. Think of Louis XIV and his finance minister. Jean-Baptiste Colbert, Despite several waves of privatisation — the first in 1986/87. the latest still ongoing - state ownership remains very

significant.
Indeed, companies quoted on the French stock market account for only about a third of French gross domestic product, compared to rather more than double that figure in the US and Japan. The rest is largely France's powerful

TATIST meccano array of family firms and the state. How much the state soubriquets at could do to change that situation can be judged by France

Jean-Francois Theodore. chairman of the Paris Bourse (stock market), reckons that floating France Telecom would increase the quoted company to GDP ratio by at

least five percentage points. State ownership does not of government intervention.
Alain Madec, head of strategy at oil group Total, sees it differently. The shape of corporate France has been dictated by the need to develop according to Francois Henrot, "Item it is in the strategy of the state ownership of companies is an anomoly," according to Francois Henrot, according to Francois Henr a member of the managing board at Groupe Paribas and one of the authors of the Vienot report on corporate governance, which was pub-lished last year.

It is not simply that as stem after the second world shareholder, the govern-ar," he said.

France's decision to opt for been shareholder value. It has also been criticised for staring them of cash and then casting them off, ill-prepared, into the private sector.

But while the government may be prepared to roll back the frontiers of state ownership — not least for the revenues that privatisations bring — it is still prepared to interheavily involved, for example, in putting together the de-fence groups Aerospatiale and Dassault — a develop-ment dismissed by Olivier Cadot, assistant professor of economics at the INSEAD business school as "the mec-

cano at its worst". Mr Cadot is worried that the Chirac administration will bring back the traditional, interventionist Gaull-ist approach to industry. "We are seeing Gaullist policies in areas of foreign policy, secu-rity policy, industrial policy — it is a huge setback."

Not everyone agrees. Some



to play in the Aerospatiale-Dassault affair because it is the biggest customer of both companies. As to the more general Gaullist rhetoric, that is seen as an effort to soothe French anxieties about what is happening to the traditional system as the result of outside pressures, with the

One of the engines driving change is the increasing presence of foreign investors in the French market. They now account for about 35 per cent of the capitalisation of the Paris stock market. Though the most recent spectacular shareholder rows in France administration talking all the Suez and Navigation Mixte more loudly because of its in- last year, the small sharehold-

that, behind the scenes, foreign investors have increased the pressure on French companies to dismantle relationships which may have pro-vided stability but which have also acted as a harrier against change towards a more open system.

The globalisation of mar-

kets, exposing French firms to greater international com-petition has acted as an additional spur.
"It would clearly be over-stating it to say these changes

have been desired by the ma-jority of French companies.

They have accepted them as something they cannot avoid and as the logical conse-quence of the growing foreign ownership," said Mr Henrot. He should know. Some members of the Vienot committee threatened to walk out if the issue of cross-shareholdings was raised in its report. In the end, they were persuaded and the report came down firmly against cross shareholdings as "a transitional phenomenon in French capitalism, and one whose elimination as quickly

higly desirable". Some may even be learning to love the new approach. "Many companies are turning to the idea of supressing cross-shareholdings, not necessarily only because of pres-sure from institutional investors, but also because they think it is profitable to have their equity in direct invest- abide by them, but also that recommendations.

cording to Mr Theodore.

economist at Banque Nationale de Paris, has his own theory about why at least some cross-shareholdings may be unwound. "In the seventies and eighties, the banking sector was more profitable than the non-financial sector, and during this period the banking sector entered into the industrial sector." Now the industrial sector is the more profitable of the two, the banks may look for the exit route as far as their industrial holdings

are concerned. An increase in prices on the Paris market might also help in making it financially more rewarding to unwind the cross-holdings. Mr Theodore is among those who believe

the days of the network of cross-shareholdings is on the way out. "Maybe it could be faster if the stock maras possible would appear ket goes

really undergone a sea change? Critics of the Vienot report were sceptical about its effectiveness, pointing out that its recommendations did not involve sanctions against

they did not even have to say whether they were comply-ing. The point is given added weight when, as Mr Henrot acknowledges, "the culture of Guy Longueville, a senior self-regulation is not, by far, as rooted in French culture

> UK, for example". The report itself stresses the differences between French capitalism and the Anglo-Saxon variety, contrasting the latter's emphasis on "enhancing shareholder value" with the French focus on the company, which it de-fined as "a separate economic agent, pursuing its own objec-tives which are distinct from those of shareholders, employees, customers creditors and suppliers".

and behaviour as it is in the

Mr Henrot reckons too much significance can be attached to the apparent differences. Over the long term, the sector can be relied upon to

The pay-as-you-go pension system means France lacks the private funds that fuel institutional stock market investment in the UK or US

up." he said.

But despite some reform, interests of company and alry that went down before has French corporate culture shareholders are unlikely to the English longbow at Agindiffer, he says. And he notes the Paris Bourse authorities have decided that, from next year, the annual reports of listed companies will have to show some degree of complicompanies which did not ance with the Vienot is not going to come from within the elite."

cursing union RAGGED to the altar after pressure from Mr for a forced marriage with the loss-making Aerospatiale, the profitable dard government prerogative of influencing key family-owned fighter plane industry appointments, Mr builder Dassault Aviation felt the full force of Gauli-

> newspaper advertisements were, however, only a lastditch attempt by Mr Dus-sault to keep the company

> in the family.
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> Sensing, last December. that a wind of change was about to blow apart his company's tangled web with France's rulers, Mr Dassault entered into a cooperation deal with British

lion), the marriage with Aerospatiale, the Airbus builder which in the same year lost Fr 981 million, seemed a case of high trea-Mr Dassault took out fullpage newspaper advertise-ments boasting the merits

of his company's Rafale fighter aircraft. The message directed at the Gaullist president was clear: if Mr Chirac looked closely at old family photo albums be would find snaps of himself sitting on the lap

ist-style industrial intervention earlier this year.

a restructuring programme

aimed at leading France closer to Nato and at put-

ting its defence industries on a competitive footing with international con-

But to Serge Dassault, the 71-year-old head of a private company which last year made profits of Fr 288 million (£36 million) the marriage with

father and predecessor. Not only that, but Mr Chirac's father had been

employed by a Dassault subsidiary. ault ielt no dad done more than was expected of him under Gaull-

ist rules. Not only had his company been a generous donor to the Gaullists, but Mr Dassault had won for the party in a municipality ruled by the Communists for 40

returned favours. The term, "la raison d'Etat"

chirac had overruled his own defence minister's ob-jections to Serge succeed-ing Marcel, who had just died.

The aides-memoirs of the President Jacques Chirac decreed on February 21 that the two aircraft build-ers should unite, as part of

Arrospace. Europe's fragmented de-fence industry has been looking at ways of coopera-tion for some time - both via joint venture projects - In order to meet the chullenge of the big US firms. But Mr Chirac favoured

bear Gaullist pride, he wanted new French conglomerates which would be international competition. By June 25, a full merger plan had been hummered out and both parties prom-

ised their joint operation would be up and running by the middle of 1997. Under the agreement, Aerospatiale's Fr 49.2 bil-

sault's Fr 9.8 billion turnover created conglomerate worth nearly Fr 60 billion - more than British Aerospace or Germany's Dasa, if not compa-rable with the huge US air-

craft builders. In France, it was just another occurrence of the un-True, Mr Chirac had translatable everyday Fr 100 billion Rafale was a republican version of div-developed in the late 1980s ine right.

> Arnaud de Bresson at Paris Europlace, a body aimed at developing Paris's position as a financial system, believes there has been a cultural change. Five years ago, he says, the French wanted to retain a Gallic element in any changes. Now "we are more pragmatic. proof that we are going in the Anglo-Saxon

market way". Many in France believe that the development of pen-sion funds will be a significant force in the restructuring of capitalism, and will do much to sweep away the legacies of the past.

However, Mr Madec suggests that they may be more important in terms of corporate governance than as a source of equity capital. Mr Cadot, however, is not convinced that the corporate

> put its own house in order. He compares the French corporate élite -

around 30 of whose memjudicial examination - to the medieval

court. It is enarchy, he says, in a play on the initials of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, where many of its members were educated. "If there is to be change, it



Taking the Eiffel tour . . . Marginalised farmers yesterday used stock to make their point

### insecurity may quell backing for autumn of discontent

RENCH unemployment fell by 20,000 last month but, with the headline rate unchanged at a record 12.5 per cent, the continuing high level of joblessness may dampen enthusiasm for a widely expected autumn of in-dustrial unrest.

The fall in unemployment came as union leaders called for a new strike movement which paralysed much of France last December.

However, several militant unions, including teachers. are known to favour settling a dispute over job cuts behind closed doors.

With future job losses ex pected to be concentrated in the private sector and the defence industries, which face up to 30,000 lay-offs in the next 10 years, many of this autumn's protests are likely next month to rival that to be piecemeal and based in

tent on recreating the Paris-originated dynamic which paralysed the country last win-ter. This could come as a knock-on effect of a workers' demonstration called for September 22 and from a joint

day of action which teaching

unions hope to stage.

Government opponents believe the dynamic is already in place, following two demon-strations over the heavyhanded treatment of 300 immigrants, evicted from a Paris church by police using axes. On the other hand, the police action earned Presi-dent Jacques Chirac an im-

tion" rating — his highest score since March.

Any lasting industrial action will also be dependent on the government's success in appeals for belt-tightening in the lead-up to single currency. It must also satisfy French farmers, who are vocal if somewhat sidelined by the mainstream union movement, that it can secure satisfactory compensation from Brussels for their mad

cow disease losses. The only measures prom ised to sugar the pill are some as yet unspecified income tax Nevertheless, unions are in mediate three-point rise in cuts in the 1997 budget.







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### MILE EYE



City workers on the move at Broadgate. Going to lunch? Or are they striding out confident of clinching a multi-million pound deal? This photograph concludes David Sillitoe's portfolio of summer scenes in the Square Mile

Future of Winchester in doubt as main brokerage business closes ● 'Adverse publicity' blamed

## Copper trading arm shuts

ast night surrounded the future of Winchester Commodities, which ended its short career as the most powerful player in the world copper market by announcing that its main brokerage business had

ceased trading.
The company insisted that it retained the full confidence of its bankers. Treders will continue operating its out-standing 'positions' in the metal markets, and its sepa-rate Asset Management oper-

ation will remain active. remained puzzled about the very low, and I believe that a and Ashley Levett, were future of the company with number of other players in recently raided by police.

Leading traders yesterday Winchester said that it had made no firm decision about the future of the company. The company's decision to tell its main City regulator, pany has had ... has damaged the Securities and Futures severely customer-client

kerage arm follows weeks of speculation. Winchester Commodities Group, the main parent arm, had failed to pres-ent its accounts to Companies House on the expected date, although they were not formally overdue.

The company had suffered

a major downturn because of unfavourable changes in the copper price. Winchester yes-terday also blamed adverse

The group's managing director, Supplem Heath, said: "Post-the Sumitomo affair, the level of overall business looking at a retrenchment. "Specifically, as regards Winchester, the continued ad-Authority, that it was stop-ping trading in its main bro-aged staff morale."

subject of intense scrutiny since the Japanese firm of Sumitomo in June announced that it had discovered an al-leged fraud of \$1.8 billion and sacked its "rogue trader". Yauro Flamenska

The Serious Fraud Office

and City of London police subsequently announced that they were launching a full interday also blamed adverse vestigation into possible Brit-publicity for contributing to ish links with the losses made its problems. on the Japanese market.
Winchester is smong the companies which have been scrutinised, and the Hamp-shire houses of the company's

certain people had been leav- the highest since June 19.

The company has been the ing, so it's not that unex-subject of intense scrutiny pected. But I think this is less tince the Japanese firm of Su-down to the Sumitomo debacle than down to the fact that Charlie Vincent and Ashley Levett no longer have any-thing to do with Winchester on a day-to-day besis — they were Winchester."

The outlook for the metal price has been made more un-certain because of a strike in Chile, which is the world's largest copper producer. In-dustrial action yesterday drove copper futures in New York to their highest price in

more than two months. Copper for December delivsurged as much as five cents to 96.70 cents a pound on the Co-mex division of the New York appeared to have been expecting the Winchester closure.
Gary West, a trader at Worake, Ltd. said: "We knew they'd been scaling down, and there had been plenty of rumours in the market that according to the contract closest to expect the closest the closest the contract closest the Mercantile Exchange. That is the December contract's high-est price since June 13. The

### Countdown to closure

May 1991 — Company formed by Charles Vincent and Ashley Levett, former employees of metals brok DLT. DLT closes down but not before DLT boss David Throlloid alerts London Metal Exchange to sup-

June 1999 - Watch biggest ever motals market tra mitome, involving more sopper, codenamed "Radr."
Sopt 1994 — SFA starts
inquiry into Winchester.
Jan 17, 1996 — Vincent
named as earning £15 mililon a year. Details of SFA

Feb 2, 1996 — Winchester upplies for judicial review of Apr 16, 1996 - Vincent

May 13, 1986 — SFA d cides to take he action. Jun 5, 1996 - Hame idmits hiding losses to Su

Jun 13, 1996 - Guardi reports that details of a huge market-rigging scan-dal are about to break. SFA

Jul 4, 1996 — Vincent & Levelt break silence to Me-Aug 8, 1996 — Serious Fraud Office raids Hamphire homes of Vincent and

Aug 30, 1996 - Wind ter Brokerage says it is "scaling down" activities.

### Notebook

### Testing Labour's business mettle



Alex Brummer

OMPETITION policy is hardly likely to be close to the top of a New Labour agenda which will initially be dominated by big picture issues such as constitutional refere constitutional reform, the utilities tax (already too late) and Europe. Yet, when Labour unveils its prospec-tus for business at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre in London on Wednesday, there may be no better means of measuring its attitude towards business than the stand it business than the

stand it takes in this area. There is plainly much that is wrong with the current multi-tiered approach to com-petition policy. There is a ten-dency for the gatekeeper, the Office of Fair Trading, to try to fix competition by carving out deals with companies which have a habit of running rings around it: the deal which Gerry Robinson of Granada carved out on the sale of motorway service stations (post the Forte takeover) is a case in point. Moreover, even if the OFT recommends that bid or an uncompetitive practice be looked at by the next tier, the Monopolies & Mergers Commission, it can be appropriately by the Minister.

overruled by the Minister.
As for the current MMC, it
has been widely criticised for
its belief that the public interest and liberal economic theory are one and the same, giv-ing the impression that it has a pro-business and big busi-ness bias. Moreover, its prestige has been damaged by the recent decision of the Trade Secretary overruling its judg-ment that the power genera-tors National Power and Powergen, should be allowed to absorb regional electricity

New Labour has talked shout taking competition pol-icy out of the political spec-trum by creating a new super Office of Competition and Consumer Standards — parallel perhaps to its new super City regulator — which would in effect bring the OFT and MMC under one roof. This would be intellectually

In the current system, the OFT is essentially the prosecutor and the MMC the court. Putting the two together would likely clog up the sys-tem with cases which the OFT as gatekeeper should not let through and could in effect load the dice against takeovers
— not all of which are necessarily anti-competitive. Better perhaps, as now seems likely, to go for reform rather than thoroughgoing overhaul. Cer-tainly, politics needs to be absolutely removed from the first stage of the process: all deals should go to the OFT and its recommendations should be acted on by the MMC not ministers. Moreover, the OFT would be better off referring more upwards, rather than seeking to negotiate with busi-

ness off its own bat.
As for the MMC, there is nothing fundamentally wrong with its structure. There may well be a case, however, for redefining the public interest so that the needs of the consumer and greater competition are not always seen as identical. As the court of last resort for the utilities and

good job. Although on more opulist investigations, such as that into CDs it is claimed that the producers were favoured over the consumers. Certainly, a more balanced mix of economists and industrialists on the MMC would help: New Labour no doubt has some ideas on this. But chucking away decades of monopoly case law and expertise is not the answer and will only send the most negative signals

#### Double ring

THE current leadership team of David Rowland and Ron Sandler at Lloyd's of London deserves praise for steering the insurance market back to safe land. By sheer determination they have managed to cobble to-gether a 23.2 billion rescue package, taken on the might of the US legal system and brought the market back to the point where it has sufficient resources to pass the solvency tests required by the DTL Under the rescue plan, old Lloyd's, lumbered with enclaims, is neatly parcelled up in Equitas—a sort of sinking fund—and new Lloyd's can restore its credibility.

The machinations of the last five years, which saw the market rack up losses of £8 billion, have not been cost free. While Lloyd's has struggled to avoid warfare with the Names, it has lost competitive ground. Lloyd's has been notoriously shy about quantifying this, but there is no doubt that it has lost market share and confidence.

Moreover, the market in which new Lloyd's will now have to compete is considera-bly different partly as a result of its own problems. The flexibility of the old Lloyd's was largely based on its entrepreneurial, free-for-all structure. where it could be relied upon to take on risks which traditional insurers were reluctant to touch. The new Lloyd's, with its corporate investors anxious about their own returns to shareholders, is certain to be more risk averse. In this regard it will be more like the Commercial Union rather than the brave company which pioneered insurance for oil platforms (an im-portant breakthrough and risk. But because its base of investors has narrowed, it may no longer dare to trade where others won't.

The concentration of power in reinsurance giants like Swiss Re, which this week took on the Pru's Mercantile & General, will mean a tougher market place for Lloyd's reinsurers. Moreover, although Lloyd's has settled with its most vociferous critics it has still to establish a durable regulatory structure in which everyone can believe. It may be months, if not years, before the Lutine ball can be safely sounded twice.

### Weinstock legacy

T WOULD have been unfor-tunate had the end of Lord Weinstock's era at GEC been overshadowed by a shabby dispute over the terms of his successor George Simpson's contract. Instead, it now appears that a long-cherished Weinstock ambition of creating a trans-European power plant enterprise, which is genuinely the equal of General Electric in the US and ABB, is now possible with the proposed merger with Framatome, the French their regulators, the MMC gen-erally is deemed to have done more fitting legacy.

### Weinstock ends BNFL loses £88m with 'tax bomb' reign in style with £9bn deal

Simon Beavis, Roger Cowe and Mark Milner

ORD Weinstock, the man who ends a 33-year stint at the bead of GEC next week, pulled one last deal out of the bag yesterday when it was announced that the Anglo-French joint venture GEC-Alsthom is studying a £9 billion merger with France's nuclear reactor

The industrialist has dreamt of adding an atomic power arm to the GEC. Alsthom power engineering and train-building venture, which is one of the three pillars of the GEC empire.

The go-sheed came late on Thursday when the French government informed Alcatel Alsthom, which once con-trolled Framatome but now owns a 44 per cent stake, and its partner GEC that it would ider a bid for the reactor

With GEC ready to make concessions to head off a City revolt over the remuneration of Lord Weinstock's successsor, George Simpson, and with the prospect of further mega-deals, an eventful last week for the GEC managing director seems assured.

Should a bid for Framatome go ahead, GEC-Alsthom will have to reach agreements with a range of French stateowned concerns. These in-clude the CEA state holding company which owns 36 per cent of Frantatome, Electri-

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cent. Observers believe the bank could sell out to raise some desperately needed cash. Framatome staff also own 5 per cent of the group, A merger would boost GEC-Alsthom's staff numbers to 90,000 and produce combined sales of around Fr15 billion (29 billion). But a deal, which could take months to agree

ganisation of the power engi-

neering sector. Framatome, which has built France's army of pres-surised water reactors now producing 75 per cent of French electricity, has links with Stemens of Germany to tap East European markets. GRC is aligned with Westinghouse of the US in building Britain's Skewell B PWR in Suffolk. The joint venture with the French is a strong profit earner for GEC and provided nearly half of the company's £2.5 billion cash pile at the end of March. The prospect of boosting the ven-

ture pushed GEC shares up 5p to 385.5p.
GEC believes that the market for nuclear stations -which has shrunk dramatically in the 10 years since Chernobyl — will revive early in the next century in

Europe and the Far East. The French government's desire to push its privatisation programme appears to have quelied worries about Framatome falling out of

state control.

Mr Simpson will take over from Lord Weinstock after cent of France with 11 per the meeting but some share-cute de France with 11 per the meeting but some share-cent and the troubled bank holders are threatening to

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Sknon Beavie Industrial Editor

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels
yesterday insisted it
had overcome technical 22.75 billion Thorp reprocess-ing plant in Cumbria as it announced that a huge tax provision sent it plunging to an 188 million loss last year.
The group also disclosed that it expected profits to be dented in the current year because of operational problems with recently-privatised Brit-ish Energy reactors and a refurbishment of Magnox reprocessing facilities.

Launching BNFL's annual

However, the company con-firmed that the start-up of the plant — which separates used fuel into reusable plutonium. uranium and waste - has been slowed by technical glitches. After two and a half years, 200 tonnes of fuel has been put into the plant, but it appears that only about half as been fully reprocessed. BNFL does not expect to have to increase emmissions from the Thorp plant, al-though it was "too early to say" whether future studies

report, the chairman, John would involve higher emmis in demand and a closure of at Guinness, said the company stood by forecasts that Thorp A generous contract regime bishment of the Magnox stood by forecasts that Thorp would make \$500 million of profit in its first 10 years.

A generous contract regime for Thorpe means that it is already contributing about a third of BNFL's total sales, which were up 18 per cent last pany refused to break down profits from the plant, but about a third of sales were also exports. At the operating level, prof

its were up 46 per cent to £316 million, but this was transformed into a £88 million loss by an exceptional £356 million deferred tax provision and £48 million of other tax charges. This year's profits are expected to fall below of its decommissioning work | £300 million, thanks to a fall

of Magnox by April 1998. However, it is still calling on the Government to provide security for Magnox's huge liabilities. "The Government the knows it can facilitate [the merger] taking place, just as it facilitated the privatisation of British Energy and British

reprocessing plant.
BNFL said that the negotia

tion of £18 billion of repro-cessing contracts with British

nox Electric had allowed it to

take a more precise view of

its future tax liabilities.
BNFL is set to take control

### 91pc of Names back Province's electric row Lloyd's rescue deal | boils up to MMC referral

Pauline Springett

LOYD'S of London yes-terday declared its E.2 billion rescue pack-age unconditional and dis-closed that more than 91 per cent of its 34,000 investors had accepted the deal.

The settlement is the key plank of the plan designed to prevent the collapse of the 308-year-old insurance market. Lloyd's racked up losses of nearly 28 billion in 1988-92 and many of the investors, known as Names, were almost bankrupted.

Lloyd's chairman, David Rowland, said he was confident the rescue would now succeed although he added: We are not quite at the destination yet."

He added that Names who

had not yet signed up to the deal would be able to do so until noon on September 11 a two-week extension to the original deadline. Mr Rowland said he was

Rquitas is the reinsurance company which is taking over Lloyd's loss-making old liabilities. It is expected to be capi talised at around £12 billion and it will be ringfenced from the on-going Lloyd's market. The settlement offer is designed to end the mass of litigation with which Lloyd's has been threatened by more than 20,000 Names over their losses. Names who have ac-cepted the deal are hanned

derailed at the last minute by opposition from rebel US Vames and some are still plenning legal challenges. But Lloyd's chief executive, Ron Sandler, said he did not helieve it threatened the success of the rescue plan. But Lloyd's optimism was

from suing Lloyd's.

not universally shared. Tony Welford, chairman of the Pay-ing Names Action Group, said he was saddened by Lloyd's refusal to make a last minute magnanimous gesture to his members. PNAG's 3,000 waiting for the Department of Names say the settlement is Trade and Industry to approve the formal launch of Equitas, probably next week.

ing King

RELATIONS between Northern Ireland Electricity and its reg ulator plumbed new depths yesterday when the com-pany rejected Offer's latest price review.

NIE launched a scathing attack on Douglas McIl-doon, head of Offer (ND after refusing to accept his demand for a 31 per cent cut in prices. This immediately triggered a monopo-

Hes inquiry.
Patrick Haren, NIE's chief executive, said: "I have never heard anything so outstandingly outlandish. Where on earth the man got this . . . from is beyond me. We unreservedly

age" NIE's ability to main-tain appropriate levels of network reliability and NIE shares slid 8p to 385p on the statement. In response, Mr McII-

Coultherd, said: "NIE have chosen for the first time since privatisation to deliberately seek to increase the price customers pay for

This immediately pro-voked Dr Haren into an even more furious response: "I find Charles Coulthard's remarks quite disgraceful. If this is what passes for dialogue at Offer, it is quite obvious why we need to have our review asessed by the MMC."

electricity."

Under Offer's proposals. NIE would cut its prices by a one-off 31 per cent next year, followed by further cuts in each of the next four years. The proposals would reduce the average domestic bill in Northern Ireland - where prices are refute the nonsense of it."

He said the proposals UK — by an average of £270 over a five-year period.

NIE's proposals, unveiled yesterday, would cut bills by an average of £211 over the same period — which it said would satisfy customer demand and meet the "le-In response, Mr McIldoon's deputy, Charles its shareholders.

### **News** in brief

Yeltsin shakes bullion markets World builton and gemstone markets were shaken yester-

day as it emerged Boris Yelt-sin had put himself in direct control of Russia's \$3.5 billion-plus strategic reserves of diamonds and precious met-als. The president has dis-solved the Komdragmet agency that runs the stock-piles of gold, platinum and diamonds. The fear is that Mr Yeltsin will dip into the re-serves to fund both the Russian budget deficit and elec-

Airbus net widens

| Scania and Italy's Alenia about the prospect of them joining the four-member consortium. The move is seen as part of the restructuring of Rurope's aircraft industry. The partners, BAe, France's Aerospace and Spain's CASA have already said they plan to turn the partnership into a self standing company.

Blenheim pulls out

Blenheim Group, the exhibitions and conference orga-niser, said last night that it was no longer in talks with potential bidders. Blenheim which had been linked with Reed International and United News and Media, said The partners in plane maker, Airbus Industrie, have approached Sweden's Saabit tould recommend to its shareholders.

### Election battleground

On Monday the Economics Page starts a week-by-week guide to the battleground in the general election, exploring the economic issues that will determine whether Britain has its first change of government since 1979,

This week Larry Ellott looks at the reasons the Conservatives have held power for so long and examines the prospects for change. Richard Thomas and Sarah Ryle visit Buckinghamshire and Teesside to look at life on both sides of the tracks

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## FinanceGuardian

Lord Weinstock dominated British industry at GEC for 33 years. ROGER COWE and SIMON **BEAVIS** ponder the company's future

HE furore which blew up this week over the pay package awarded to GEC's new managing director, George Simpson, will disrupt the supposedly smooth handover of power at the elecing on Friday. A British Gas-style rumpus

over the £10 million he could earn during the next five years is the last thing GEC wanted at a crucial point in its history. This week Lord Weinstock, a towering industrialist, passes the baton to Mr Simpson, perhaps the leading industrial strategist

of his generation. Both GEC and Mr Simpson, ing to do to justify the contract the two parties have seems to ignore all the codes, rules and understandings developed in the past few years as the business world has sought to ensure that excep-tional pay is available only for exceptional performance.
But GEC has not just reopened the corporate gover-nance debate. The row also

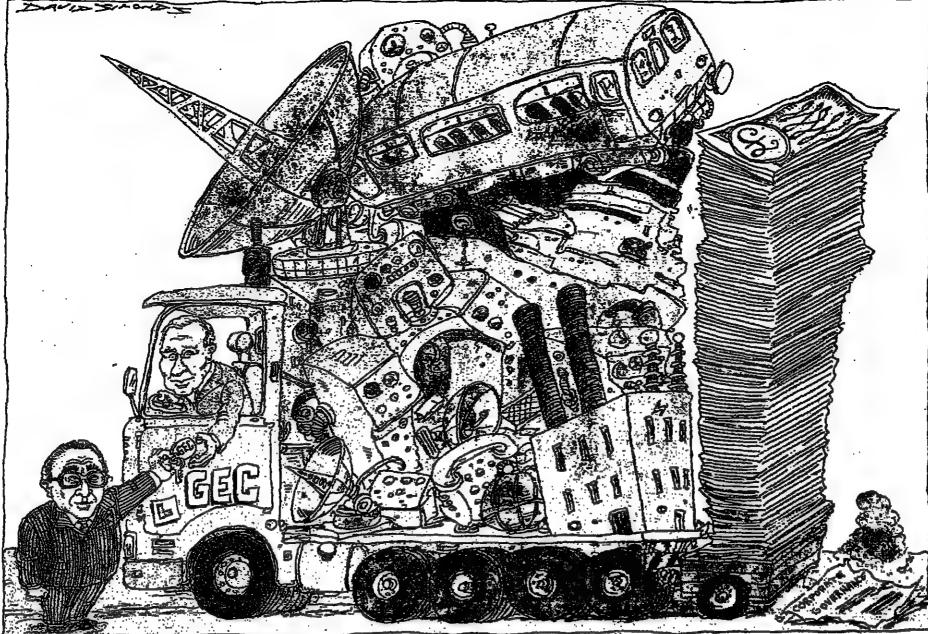
skills compare to Lord Weinstock, the man who hands over after 33 years in control. GEC remains one of Brit-ain's few top industrial companies, so the questions being sked are crucial, not only for its shareholders and 127,000

raises the question of why Mr

Simpson appears to be worth so much money, and how his

employees, but more widely for British industry well be-youd the group's immediate interests in electrical and electronic engineering. With Britain's manufacturing base having crumbled over the past 15 years, there are few home-grown industri-

alists who can stand on the world stage. Weinstock and Simpson are rare exceptions. There are many sharp con-Their personalities and



# s there life

The contrasts are personal too. "The gulf between the two men is so vast it's almost aomebody who has been at the sharp end of business most of his life, as indeed he impossible to seize on a com-parison," one analyst has, and observers might well mark him out as an engineer

bloke-ish type, the sort of chap who could go unnoticed in any Middle England saloon trained as.
"He is a hard man with a bar. One analyst recalled his playing snooker with the City pack into the early hours of the morning during one trip with Rover. He has the calm, friendly

manner essential for any modern top executive who has to appear interested at all times and avoid seeming annoyed even by the most irri-tating questions or criticism from journalists. City analysts or financial institutions. Despite being comfortable in such surroundings, there is no danger of Mr Simpson being seen as a City slicker or

a head office executive who wouldn't know a lathe if he careers differ wildly, even tripped over it.
their reputations are at odds. He has the craggy looks of

lished himself as a master

builder of international alli-ances — it is entirely in keep-ing with his record that in his

last week in control the com-

pany's Anglo-French power division, GEC Althsom.

should announce plans for a

multi-billion pound merger with nuclear power staion

By contrast Mr Simpson is

the man who sold Rover to

the Germans. He has honed

his skills in turning flagging

companies round and selling

Mr Simpson is an affable,

them off.

commented.

rather than the accountant he

human face. He has managed to get what he wants without upsetting too many people and this has allowed him to move from company to com-pany. That is his main skill," said one observer who knows him well. Mr Simpson's working life

began in the gas industry but he soon moved to British Leyland, where he stayed in various capacities until three an academic or musician— years ago, having fulfilled the but would look out of place in objective of its then owner, British Aerospace, by selling what has now become Rover

After the sale, he kept one foot in the car industry when he was recruited by Lucas to rescue the motor and aerospace group's reputation.

of running GEC with a disregard for the City and the rest of industry which has rankled with many.

This fairly classic executive career pattern and personality could not be more different from Lord Weinstock's, who had no formal business training and who has barely budged from his desk at GEC's head office in Maylair 1963. And there Lord Wein stock has stayed, first overseeing its recovery, then engl

for the past 30 years.

Lord Weinstock is the antithesis of the modern executive: introspective and irrascible, unconcerned with image and external communication, given to rudeness yet also compassionate, highly cultured and with a rampant sense of humour. Now a slightly stooping, owlish fig-ure, he could be mistaken for a gathering of top industrialists, in the unlikely event that he would ever join such a gathering Bloke ish he is not, and he has pursued his task

He had run only the small | high, but once the return television and radio business | began to fall, demands for the money to be spent became more strident. of the Sobell family he married into before being cata-pulted, at the age of 39, into Characteristically, Lord the top job of an ailing GEC in

and finally attempting to steer it into a position to survive in the next century. That process has created many enemies and prompted much criticism. Most critics focus on Lord Weinstock's vice-like grip on the purse-strings and his sterile man-agement style — which relies

neering its expansion

through a series of takeovers.

hugely on scrutiny of financial ratios. GEC's reluctance or mability to spend huge cash resources is notorious. From the start of the 1980s the group's cash pile grew aston-ishingly, reaching a peak of £1.6 billion in 1986. That was

fine when interest rates were

Weinstock took no notice. He argued that it was impossible to have too much cash, especially in heavy engineering where customers for long-term projects need the reas-surance of financial strength. Such excuses did not pacify the critics. Nor did a steady stream of takeovers, includ-ing a trio of international joint ventures at the end of the 1980s which created GEC Alsthom, a telecoms joint ven-

manner ieft the group's man GEC had missed out on the consumer electronics boom, they pointed out, had failed to

business, didn't bother to apply for a mobile phone licence and was in danger of being swamped by the new heavyweights in the fast-con-solidating defence industry. have substance, especially the complete misjudgment concerning the potential for mo-

Professor Garel Rhys, of Cardiff Business School, says of Lord Weinstock: "He did a great job in securing the future of GEC but left it constrained by not being willing to spend on new products." Like many, he believes Lord Weinstock should have left

GEC 10 years ago.

But one analyst said that
Lord Weinstock's record is only just beginning to be understood. "He has been sig-nificantly underrated," he said, pointing to his record in building overseas business and international alliances. In 1980 the group exported 30 per cent of its products; now the figure is 70 per cent. now the figure is 70 per cent.

an impressive performance European consolidation, encover a period when much of British industry was being taught lessons about exporting. Some of that growth ing. Some of that growth the food and Varity, but he will do well to match Lord Wein-Alsthom, a telecoms joint venture with Siemens and an alliance in domestic appliances with the mighty General Electric of the US (no relation). Playing on the image of Lord Weinstock as a cold, calculating accountant, they argued that his narrow focus on financial measures left GEC spending too little on research and capital investi-

research and capital invest. The GEC record must be set ment, while his browbeating against the fact that there The GEC record must be set

have been significant evelor: downturns in all of the unin business sectors - defence. telecoms and pencer engineer ing Yet GEC has managed to record steady if unspectacu-

brerowth
While Lord Weinstock's reputation is probably less than is deserved, however, there are question marks over where his successor's reputation has come from and how soundly it is based

'He did a great job in securing the future of GEC, but left it constrained by not being willing to spend on new products'

Prof Garel Rhys. Cardiff Business School

Mr Simpson's early career is difficult to assess, although surviving the manistrom that was British Leyland in the 1970s and 1980s speaks for itself to some extent. But more ments have been in selling British businesses to foreign

After solving a problem for British Aerospier by selling Rover to the Germans, he has now married off Lucies to a US braking and diesel group, Varity,

Rover has widely been seen to have been transformed from the basket case which was British Levland, and Simpson got much of the credit. But now some doubts

are emeratna. as bad as it seemed and Rover was never as good as it seemed," Prof Rhys said. And in a recent circular. US stockbroker Salomon Bros high-lighted the problems which BMW is finding with its British offshoot. "In our view Rover is both a short and a medium-term hurden on BMW. Rover omerges from Some of these complaints this roview as the European volume manufacturer with the most work to accomplish

to reach industry standards." The challenge for Mr Simp-son at GEC is formidable, and there seem to be few easy options, since this is not a group which is on its uppers and needs to be turned round. The group has a long tail of mis-cellaneous industrial cellaneous industrial businesses which are obvious candidates for sale Many time, at the right price, and it seems unlikely that there will be a rush of buyers once Mr

Simpson takes over.
But the bulk of the group, and the biggest challenges, he in the three main legs — GEC Alsthom, Telecommunica-tions, and Marconi. Here the challenge is to move with the wind of shifting alliances and stock's canny manoeuvrings and astute deals.

Weinstock pulls last deal,

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## Anatomy of an empire

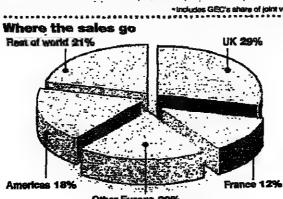
EC is an enormous collection of businesses, which together made sales of £11 billion lust

The bulk of the sales. profits and employment is in three main legs, two of which are joint ventures. Between them, Marconi defence electronics, GEC Alsthom power systems and GPT telecoms accounted for more than 70 per cent of sales and profits and 93,000 of the 127,000 employees.

Power systems, which encompasses power stations and trains, is a joint ven-ture with the French group Alcatel Alsthom. It has been a resounding success, combining complementary markets and technology in an unusual example of Anglo-French cooperation. It also stands as a fine ex-ample of Lord Weinstock's negotiating skills, since GEC ended up with balf the business despite putting in

only a third of the assets. The other joint venture has been less successful, perhaps because it was a tactical deal to get round the Government's objec-tions to GEC acquiring Plessey. GPT telecoms is owned jointly with Siemens, but is a much less comprehensive merger than in power sys-tems, since it involves only Siemens' UK operations.

The GEC empire Profit, £m Sales, Em 177 General Industrial



The culture clashes appear to have been greater, and the enthusiasm less, than with the French deal, and it would be unsurprising if Siemens gradually acquired majority control.

Marconi is the third leg,

wholly owned. Built on the

and the only one to be

Marconi subsidiary of English Electric, the div-

ision has also expanded with the addition of units from Plessey and Ferranti, as well as the naval shipyard acquisitions Yarrow and VSEL. It now faces uncertainty from the consolidation of the European defence industry, especially the decision of the French government to privatise Thomson.

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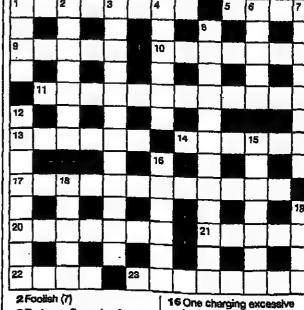
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# **Interview 15** The Guardian



It has been the summer of lost children, says Blake Morrison. And it's all our faults that they are gone

# Fear for their

CCORDING to legend, the Pied Piper, angry at being for ridding Hamelin of its rats, retaliates by leading away the children of the town. His music enchants them into the hill, away from their parents, never to come back.

It's a story which expresses a primal adult terror, the fear of primal adult terror: the lear of one's children suddenly and inexplicably disappearing. One can imagine parents talling it to each other in ages when children were commonly taken from them by illness and disease. Over the last month, it's a story that has

become resonant again.
All parents in all ages have worried about losing their children. But the sudden flash of anxiety the feeling the ground might swallow them up, that if you relax for a minute they'll disappear and never be seen again — is a peculiarly late 20th-century phenome non. It's all some parents think about. Even when you're not thinking about it, or you think you're not thinking about it, it can creep up on you, like a shadow, darkening an innocent moment.

darkening an innocent moment.

It crept up on me a few evenings ago; in a harvest field. Two of my children and their friends had been playing a game with straw bales: the modern, cylindrical bale the sort that looks like a giant settler med the service much and cotton reel — is easy to push, and the game was to roll the bale while someone tried to kneel or stand on top of it. Afterwards, we headed back to the house over another stubbly field, where the children re-ran the Olympic 110 metres hurdles over straw that was still lying ungathered in long rows.

It was a perfect evening the moon coming up, an owl hooting, wisps of mist over the stubble. But gradually worryingly, the children slipped from view. The youngest was wearing a white T-shirt, and seemed to go under, lost behind the | lobbyists.

waves of straw. There was no need to worry: the house was close by, we were alone in the middle of a cornfield; it wasn't as if there were cars about, or dangerous animals, or paedophiles, or mur-derers. There was no need to worry, but I did worry, and wasn't happy again until I found the children safely back at the house.

It's been the summer of lost chil-dren. Last August the running news story was the weather: unbroken skies and record temperunbroken skies and record temper-atures. This year — to use Andrew O'Hagen's coinage — it's the Miss-ing. In Belgium they're digging for the bodies of the children mur-dered by the builder and convicted sex offender Marc Durrous. In Cornwall, French polics carry out DNA tests on the friends of 13-year-old Caroline Dickinson.

of 13-year-old Caroline Dickinson, after she was raped and murdered while on a school holiday in Brittany in Dumbarton, the mother of 14-year-old Caroline Glachan appeals for witnesses to come forward, after her daughter's bettered hedy is recovered from battered body is recovered from the River Leven. In Birmingham, the River Leven. In Birmingham, the body of 16-year-old Lucy Burchell is found behind a night-club the day before her GCSE results; Lucy is described as bright and well-liked in her Staffordshire village, though later it emerges she'd fallen in with the wrong crowd and had been supplementing her pocket money by menting her pocket money by

menting her pocket indies by working as a prostitute.

There are other losses, no less haunting than the headlines of rape and murder. Five teenagers from Leicester — one 14 — are killed on holiday when their car overturns and lands in a Lincolnshire dyke. Two boys tell are injused how they watched a an inquest how they watched a pack of Rottweilers tear apart their 11-year-old friend when he climbed into a yard. Even prenatal deaths make the headlines, as a woman aborts one of her twins, to the outrage of pro-Life Ipage 14



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### Them on them

This ruling deserves to be taken as a warn-ing to the leaders of all nations yet to implement democracy. By showing that mankind's search for liberty must triumph over force and dictatorship, the court has written a righteous page in history. Ming Pao Dally News, Hong Kong, on the death sentence imposed on former South Korear president Chun Doo-Hwan.

The Women's Corps is considering allowing women soldiers to keep berets in their handbags, and not under the shoulder strap. This is the result of the opinion formed by officers who believe that the weight of the beret under the shoulder strap pulls the

soldier's shirt back. A former woman soldier com-mented: "It's a great idea. I remember when I was a soldier, my bra was always poking out."
Yedlot Ahronoth (Hebrew Daily),

Nover too remote from a TV remote, Asian children are being zapped from an early age by colo-nialism via satellite. Media experts are worried about what this invasion from the skies will do to local diversity. Said one observer: "It's a bit like junk food. If you eat it in the overall context of a nutritious regime, it's OK. But if that's the only thing you eat, it will hurt you." Editorial, Jakarta Post.

### Us on us

Like it or not, people living in the Bishop's Stortford area have to realise that Stansted Airport's designation as the hijack destination for outh eastern England neans more dramas such as unfolded there on Tuesday could head our way in future. Herte and Essex Observer

Manton is back in the national doghouse! TV reporters were back in town as the row over socalled tiny terror Matthew Wilson boiled up once more. Teachers say they will walk out rather than teach the 10-year-old. A being paraded in the harsh spotlight of public glare. Worksop Guardian

Council officials are warning motorists to drive carefully in St Helens Cemetery and to respect the people buried there. The warning follows an accident at the cemetery last Wednesday, which caused damage to a number of headstones. The headstones were knocked down after a woman visiting the cemetery allowed a learner driver to drive the car. The learner is alleged to have lost control of the car and as a result the

are not places for learner Blackpool Citizen News

graves were damaged

causing distress and upset to the families involved. A

Conneil, said: "Cemeteries

spokesman for St Helens

### THEME OF THE WEEK SURGERY

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operations are frow to be the subject of a series of major matter pictures, available on video, price \$12.59.

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have become thursed to more sacrilegicals practices, such as prescription charges, the hope around operations prohype around operations pre-sented as commercial enter-tationers will soon become as natural as paper abeats up hospital fods.

Sore the first time you see a traffer for a coming operation, you may thoke or your Kis Ora. Starring Mr. Charles likeletical Greedy.



FRCS. You issughed with him as he discussed his golf handicap in Ingrowing Teenall. Now see him as never before ... Gall Bladder, a motion picture

experience coming to a streen near you.". immoral in the develop ment, either. When the news emerged of the upcoming release of video company IMC's Everyday Operations, featuring 53 minutes of real surgery on real people, it ded like some fly-bysounded like some fly-by night Essex production, garage in Basilden and fronted by Max Clifford. A

queasy-making thought But then it turned out the the man in charge at IMC was one David Donogine, a well-spoken sort of chap, and not an olk at all; better still, the vid had been pro-duced with the assistance of "leading surgeons", almos certainly wearers of how

ties and helf moon spectacles, who clearly wouldn't get involved in anything iffy So there's no problem, then, And it's not just that

surgery vids are thoroughly above board, are, ahem. 'educational" and brought to you by decent chape mak-ing a legitimate packet on the side. They are also a form of democratication of he monarchy

Peering curiously and winsomely at doctors at work from behind a surgical mack was antil now a risem pursuit as favoured by the woman formerly known as HRH The Princess of Wales (and following an official: armouncement this week in the London Gazette, to be referred to as "Her Not In-The Least Bit Royal Highness, The Princess Oi,

100." Thanks to good people. like Mr Donoghue of IMC. today we can all be surgery fans. The next stage has to

tions at the London Palladium.
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playing at Di's 40th birthday they can forget it. Instead, the caparet will its provided by a celebrar geon—possibly that good looking one out of disensembods 3, you know, him—performing a life say ing operation on Dame Joan Collins And meetings to say it will all be for charty Jonesthern Margiolis

She has been sitting right

above us all through the conference. And when she

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was in her seat above us. That's our version of royal



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To mourn the deaths of children

is the mark of a civilised society. But to venerate fertility is a symptom of moral panic. That's why stories of births have been commanding the beadlines. Chil-

and last fashion shoot

## This week last year

### 25.8-31.8.95

Bill Gates takes another step towards world domination

TLLED as the world's first ever celebrity computer programme, Microsoft's Windows 95 was downloaded a year ago from the software company's Seattle headquarters to an expectant consumer world amid scenes of feverish hype. Eager PR acolytes

dispensed wacky statistics such as the fact that the develcoment team had consumed psoro 4,850lbs of popcorn while they refined the miraculous product. Bill Gates' evangelical address on August 24. 1995, hymning the electronic future, was even beamed by satellite around the globe to awaiting journalists to the tune of the Rolling Stones'

Start Me Up.
Judging by sales since
then, the company's investment has been rewarded many times over. Encouraged to believe that enhanced computer power is the only route to salvation, Microsoft's captive audience of busines: and home users have succumbed in their millions

A year on and Microsoft has shipped 40 million copies of the package which, it promised, would transform he capability of almost every IBM-compatible personal computer. At up to £69 a disc approaching \$2 billion. Not bad for an idea which imitated operating system



advances pioneered years before by Apple — but not all good, either. Ahead of the launch, the jokes had already begun, "Microsoft 95 is Apple

89," ran one jibe. In furthering Microsoft's dominance of the desktop industry, the Windows 95 marketing coup fostered suspicions that the technologically gullible were being lured into purchasing far larger machines than they had bargained for. The first signs of teething problems came within days of the esti-mated \$250 million launch when a few computers began to crash once Windows 95 had

"Tear Mr Gates, your program is one giant pane. punned an angry New York user in an open letter posted on the Internet. The problem particularly affected those

PCs with insufficient memory to accommodate Windows. In order to run the new software, users had to spend more money upgrading their equipment

As one commentator observed, Microsoft had become "too dominant for competitors to challenge, too expensive for users to aban-

In the ensuing months, the need for compatible systems has locked consumers more firmly into the common soft-ware standard which has made Bill Gates the riches man in the world. The latest estimate of his personal wealth is \$18 billion.

Having secured his flank against Apple, Bill Gates consolidated his company's near monopoly position by repeating the trick this month against its dynamic and

ger rival Netscape. For ears Microsoft, like other software manufacturers, had ignored the commercial potential of the Internet only to find itself losing out to manies which were cashing in on the appetite for programs to surf the Net. Netscape had pioneered browser software which aided navigation through the

maze of websites.

For the past eight months
Microsoft has put itself on a war footing, with dramatic results. Its Internet Explorer 3.0 has overtaken its rivals, thus closing another gap in the company's global drategy. As for Windows 95, the initial craze has subsided But it's still selling." a sales man said. This summ Microsoft recorded a 52 per cent rise in profits.

## PERSON DEMOCRAT DELEGATE

Gail Nardi, 53, is a Democrat from Riley; North Carolina. This week's convention was her first:

on Saturday night there was a huge gala for all the delegates on the Navy pier. The party was called A taste of Chicago. There were hundreds of stalls with food and drink and from gospel to big band, and it was all free. There are lots of parties every night thrown by the delegations, political organisations and companies.

On Wednesday night, we took a midnight cruise on Lake Michigan, drinking and dancing. It was wonderful. The Chicago skyline is the prettiest in the country. Meeting all the delegates from the different states has been inspir-ing. It's like the Olympics lots of pin trading and flag swapping. We brought 800 signs with us and now you can see them from one sid

of the hall to the other. Christopher Reeve's peech was a moment to

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remember. His courage!
He's such a beautiful num.
It was great when Gore
and the First Lady spoke.

free by various political groups or supporters. Our governor was co-host at a lunch thrown at basketball player Michael Jordan's restaurant. He's from North Carolina, but plays in Chicago. His Mum was there, though he was tied

op in Hollywood. I'm confident everyone WE arrived on Friday and will go home from this convention energised and uni-fied, even if they are a little tired from the partying. You have to have a lot of stamina. The day starts at seven, when we have breaklast and our group meeting. Then the convention starts.

For the first few days, the afternoon session went ou from 3.30pm until about 10, but these last couple of days the action hasn't fin-ished until about midnight That's when the parties start. Twe beard that British

papers have described mod-ern American conventions as so much show business. But we don't think of them like that. Reporters are a more cynical bunch than good, grass-roots Americans.

Here, we have folk from tiny farms, from small businesses, school-teach-ers. We really look like America — that's the difference between us and the Republicans." rview by Hannah Pool

### watching. The whole week will cost 7. This woman got divorced? Who is she? most delegates about \$1,000 in air fares and hotel bills, although about two-thirds of meals are offered

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### **Fear for** their lives

**tpage 13** Meanwhile, the nation holds its breath for the octu-plets of Mandy Allwood, which, so the News of the World reports (it has bought the exclusive, and prints the pictures of the ultra-sound scan), are "alive and kick-- as yet.

The strangest tragedy of all is in Hunstanton, where Tom and Jodi Loughlin, aged four and six, go missing on the beach at Holmenext-the-Sea. The prelude to their disappearance, as the papers describe it, is like something out of an old-fashioned children's book: on holiday from London, the excited brother and sister arrive on the beautiful long sandy beach and — while their parents sit down for five minutes — run down to the sea in their bathing costumes. That's the last they see of them.

The tides on the Norfolk coast

can be strong and unpredictable, and neither child could swim. But at a press conference, Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton say the water on the beach at Holme was shallow and they can't believe the children drowned. There's no evidence, either, to suggest they might have been abducted Yesterday a small body washed up on a beach nearby. Every summer is the summer of lost children. Last year at Hun-stanton, a boy died on the beach after a sand tunnel he'd dug

collapsed on top of him. Each August there are the same catastrophes: the drownings, the yachts capsizing, the rubber dinghies blowing out to sea, the falls from windy cliff edges, the amusement rides some wrong.

And statistics for infant mortality have an emblematic meaning for don't support the folk-myth that those of us not directly touched by







that at least 5,000 children under the age of 16 are "being kept pris-one; tortured and pushed on to the streets as prostitutes to feed the growing demands of paedophiles". Paedophiles are the folk devils now, the wicked uncle Ernies enticing children away. Measures are certainly needed to inhibit their activities and eliminate their ripes. But abuse doesn't always.

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wear a dirty mac, or keep a stack of child porn videos, or build itself a secret cellar. And paedophiles are not the only people who exploit and abuse children by their inter-

ests and enslaving them in a fantasy of adult will.

"What children want" is a mat-



things are cetting worse. Parents in 18th-century London, when 70 per cent of infants died before reaching the age of two, had much more cause for anxiety than we do. So

why this current preoccupation?
In part, it's a silly season thing.
As Parliament goes into recess
and the City decamps to the coast,
the kind of stories normally considered soft are given greater prominence. Children make good copy. "Taking your kids to the beach this bank holiday?" ran one full-page headline last weekend.
"Make sure they come beek." And "Make sure they come back." And that was only the broadsheets. But beyond the news manipula-tion, there's a real story and a deep

current of true feeling. The tragic accidents and terrible murders

them. They express a growing guilt that children today are being deprived of the lives they're enti-tled to — that those in charge are For there are other ways of los-

ing children. They can be lost to poverty and malnutrition — as four children in Belfast were the other week, taken into care after one was found eating stale bread left out for the birds. They can be lost to neglect and inattention. They can be lost to illiteracy and

innumeracy - another summer story was of children at 11 per forming badly at maths and English. They can be lost to drugs. They can be lost to unemployment, or the fear of it, however well they do in their GCSEs. They can be lost to prostitution.

The murder of Lucy Burchell PHOTOGRAPHS: PE

came the day after a report by the charity Barnardo's — based on the findings of a project in Bradford dealing with child sex abuse — that at least 5.000 children under ter of consumer durables now, not ear of consumer durantes how, not emotional needs. "What children want" is, it seems, what we decide they want, which means — some-times literally — dressing them up

in our desires.

Here's another way of losing children, by pretending they're mere appendages, mini-adults, inseparable from us. Hence the use of toddlers as fashion accessories the lurse mini-desease and sories, the lurex mini-dresses and bra tops for six-year-olds, the pho-tos of bare-chested men posing with their babies in style magazines ("Dress him in miniature versions of your own wardrobe, and reinforce the message that style runs in the family"). Even poor, murdered Caroline Dickinson was treated as a style item by the Daily Express, which reprinted a friend's stepmother's

dren are being lost, so read about them being replenished in large numbers.

"We'll be one huge family — a dream come true," Mandy Allwood is quoted as saying. "I can't wait to have my own little army of bables." But what about the quality of life her troops will have, supposing the "brave little fighters" make it through? She has secured their financial interests, sective their financial interests, very sensibly, but what about their other needs? How much quality time is available in the barracks when each child has to compete with seven same-age siblings?

MP Charles Hendry said last week that children have never had

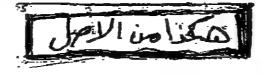
week that children have never had it so good. He can have meant only that their GCSE grades are better that their GCSE grades are better and that, materially — in terms of techno-gadgetry — they own or have access to more than their parents did as children. In other respects, the lives of children seem worse off, their future more precarious. That's what adults have begun to feel guilty about, and why this summer's stories about lost children have struck home with such force.

In the story of the Pled Piper.

In the story of the Pled Piper, the people of Hamelin lose their children because of the greed, treachery and short-termism of their leaders. This is how most children are lost not through brutal crimes, nor even in accidents, but when the adults responsible for them become blinkered and neglectful. It happens invisibly: you look round, and suddenly they're gone. We're

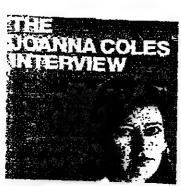
Blake Mortison's As II, an exploration of children, childhood and the Bulger case, will be published by Granta Books next February

living in Hamelin now.



## The media inquisition

Noelle Kelly, the matron of the hospital at the centre of the Esther Rantzen row, tells her story



AM SITTING waiting for matron in the British Home and Hospital for Incurables when Carlos, who is manning the reception-desk, suddenly cocks his head and nods towards a strange shuffling noise coming towards us from the far end of the corridor.

"It's Barbara," mumbles Carlos, recognising the limp, though we cannot see anyone, because the reception area is at a right-angle to the corridor. The shuffling grows nearer then stone All of a to the corridor. The shuffling grows nearer, then stops. All of a sudden, a thin white woman in a crimson dressing gown swings into view. She seems tall, perhaps six foot, in her mid-forties with a black bob and a face so white it looks haunted. "Hello," she says, rocking above me and taking my

rocking above me and taking my eyes in her stars. "I'm dead."
"Come on Barbara," says Carlos, deftly turning her round and sending her shuffling slowly down the corridor from whence the came It is an unpersing start. she came. It is an unnerving start. As yet I have no idea what to expect from the quaintly-named Home for Incurables. But then

Set up by a charitable trust in 1861 (when Streatham, in south London, was famous for its air and not its bus terminus) the BHHI is a home for the chronically sick — for people who were once fit and healthy, but who will never recover. For the victims of multiple sclerosis, car crashes, skiing accidents or anaesthetics which went horribly wrong. It is a place where a 24-year-old woman lies in a vegetative state after am-niotic fluid flooded into her blood-stream as she gave birth. The

It is a place where people come not to die, but to go on living in a strange otherworld that most of us will never know. A place where the 60 regular staff and a barracks of volunteers give up their week ends to spoon fruit into wheel-chaired mouths at the strawberry garden party or drive residents to the subsidised seats for the dis-abled at the Royal Opera House.

you should have even heard of BHHI, no reason at all — unless God forbid, you have a chroni-cally ill relative. Or unless, that is, you chanced upon the Rantsen Report on BBCI last week. In which case you will have a very different perception indeed

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grand transfer

Imagine for a moment that you are Noelle Kelly. You have been running the BHHII successfully for joyed a auccessful tenure as Director of Nursing for University College Hospital and the Mid-dieser. As matron, you are res-ponsible for patients, staff and ultimately the need to fundraise £600,000 a year. A spot on the Rantzen Report could be very useful to raise the profile and to also put staff on the back, since they don't get overpaid.

"When one of the staff heard we were on one of Esther's shows, he thought it was for a Heart of Gold Award," Kelly smiles wryly. Which just goes to show how

So when a letter came from the Rantzen Report, inviting Kelly on to a show to discuss advocacy for the disabled with particular reference to one of her patients, 28-year-old Ian Parker, she wasn't unduly worried. I couldn't so on the programme because I was busy, I had a general medical advisory committee meeting sched-uled for 1230pm, and the pro-gramme was being recorded at 12pm, but I sent them a note back letting them know."

And she thought no more about it. Until a week later, when she received a fax demanding her immediate reply to allegations that Parker has "virtually no stimulation during the day and no opportunity in the lay and no opportunity." tunity to exercise any cheice about where he sits or what he does and that he is never taken out". The producer needed a reply by 1130am — the programme was being recorded at 12pm. "We



Noelle Kelly . . . "What can I do? Get an apology on air to say they were wrong? And what good is that? It's trial by media!

would value your observations," the fax added ominously, "since we will be including secret film-ing of Ian whilst the BHHI fets

mg of ian whilst the Briefl tere was in progress."

"I was appalled," says Kelly, running a hand through dishevalied hair, "We're not a serret organisation! Two days before the 'secret' filming, we had another BBC camera crew here, filming the Queen Mother! Video Diaries have just asked me if they can do something on usl If the Rantzen Report had asked me I would have

said 'Come in and film'."
But they didn't.
"I had to get legal advice, clearly they had trespassed," she continues. "I needed to know if they had filmed other residents, in which case I needed to alert in which case I needed to alert relatives." So her solicitor sent back three pages of AA voicing her concerns. It made no difference. On August 19 the staff of BHHI trooped home in some trepida-tion, for Kelly had warned them man's death and a young boy's sexual abuse, the programme jauntily accused the BHHI of chronically neglecting Parker. (He suffered severe brain trauma When he was one year old and is unable to communicate at all.) A boisterous studio audience ap-

sations. There was no reason for the viewer to believe otherwise. But no claim could be more strenuously denied. "The staff were devastated by it, devas-tated," cries Kelly, switching off a tape of the programme on her bor-rowed telly. "And they were furious with me for not stopping it from going out, but how could 1?" Indeed, how could she? What can people do when the media jugger naut comes thundering towards

they were not up for an award after all. But even then she was not prepared for what she saw.

Between a horrific tale of one the flack, survives with a selection of supportive post, from vol-unteers and relatives of residents.

all similarly horrified. "I'm just so appalled, so ap-palled," Kelly chants absently, directing pieces of paper across her desk, which will comprise her official complaint to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission. She has the skin-stretched, fleshyeyed look of the exhausted. As we chat, her phone goes continually; friends, the board of directors, a worried relative, the Dailies Mail, Telegraph and Express. She looks older than Esther Rantzen, who is three years her senior. But she also looks determined to clear the home's reputation.

"Here," she says, passing me a wodge of photographs which cap-ture Ian Parker in the chapel, in the concert hall and at a volun-teer's garden party in Rycroft.

What can I do? Get an apology on air to say they were wrong? And what good is that? What comeback do I have? It's trial by media, she has victimised us."

Another word for it might be ambushed. Kelly was invited on to the show only after Rantzen's crew had already filmed secretly in the home. The letter inviting her to join the programme was misleading suggesting the subject for discussion was advocacy when in fact the programme was about abuse and neglect.

"I'm outraged as a human being that the staff of the Rantzen Report would treat me like this, their first letter was clearly dishonest," she rails furiously. "If the first letter had contained the information, I still couldn't have gone to the programme but I would have sought permission from lan's mother to reply. I gave them a lot of information to prevent this happening. I was horri-fied at what came out, this was the

BBC! I wouldn't say I was Esther's biggest fan, but I enjoyed That's Life! and I applauded her work on child abuse. But this; I am still

shocked."

Kelly's long-term concern however, is not for journalism — the BBC can thrash that out in private. Kelly's concern is for the home itself which as a charity needs to raise £600,000 a year to keep going. And the BHHI is up against stiff competition in the compassion stakes. There is nothing sexy about chronically-ill adults, no red ribbons for those who drool all day.

"How can I put it?" she asks. They're not seen as cuddly, are they? One charity donor I spoke to said he will donate only to furry animals and the opera. We don'think we will be smashed in a car accident and never work again, do we? You never think about it because it's rare to have a devastat ing illness, it's out of sight and mind. People don't know about us and don't want to know unless

What irony then, that we need places like the Home for incurables — albeit perhaps with a gentler name - more than ever. The pace of medical science means more people are kept alive, while the number of those who survive but have crippling brain injuries has risen by 25 per cent

in the past 10 years.

Last January, the home opened a new wing, adding 48 new beds. There's no shortage of takers. On my way out, I pass the art room festooned with brass-rubbings; the hair and manicure salon, the dentist and the kitchen with ovens at wheelchair height where patients are encouraged to bake cakes. Past the newly-refubished reception rooms and one of the TV rooms where three men sit. Ian Parker's arms flex involuntarily as he dozes through Neighbours. And how I wish that Esther Rantzen was with me.



Home truths about the Home Office horror show

OMETIMES it is impossible to overstate the bleeding obvious. So let me take this opportunity to state that Michael Howard is surely one of the most repellent combinations of DNA ever to wear a dark suit. I do not seek to demonise him in the way the Left once demonised Thatcher, although he is a useful repository for that spare hatred. Today, Lady Thatcher is like a mad aunt, a person with appalling ideas who manson with appairing meas who main-ages to be perversely entertaining by saying the wrong thing on fam-ily occasions. But in the eightles she was demonised to the extent that she appeared to have unearthly powers and we lost sight of how eminently defeatable she was. In the end, her own side had to

her because no one else would.
So I don't want to accord floward that kind of status. It was only the Falklands. War that saved Thatcher from early dismissal; and it was only Jack Straw's utter from being driven into the sea by the entire nation. There was How ard, having united ramblers, ravers and judges into the most potent opposition force this century. And yet by one of those quirks of history that spawn an eternity of ifonlys, the shadow home sacretary happened to be Jack Straw. Ap-pointed by Blair to make his own tenure of the position seem like a golden age, Jack Straw squared up to the most reviled man in England and single-handedly rescued his career. Why? Because he was

frightened of him. So there we were, saddled with Howard indefinitely. And he became ever more like Thatcher, utterly brazen. He seems to revel in being hated, in a way that suggests it is all he has ever known. He loves that he can cow civil servants into being his fall-guys. He appears to love the fact that no one believes a word he says. He doesn't have been a compared that his own side even mind that his own side

uselessness that saved Howard | thought for a minute he'd gone soft on hijackers; his record on asylum seekers is so brutal that he has

nothing to prove. . And he gets away with it all in a way which is admirable. Even more so than Kenneth Clarke, from whom he inherited the Home Office. Clarke was as despicable in the job as he had been at Health and Education; but at some point, he felt the need to re-invent himself as that amiable, beery jazzlover for whom the Exchequer is an annoying distraction from ap-pearing on the Today programme. When you listen to Clarke josh-ing in that silly Chris Tarrant voice, you can almost forget the way he reviled teachers and nurses, that he called ambulance workers "glorified taxi-drivers", that he denied justice to the

Bridgewater Four. In those days, Clarke was still playing the unconscionable

what the broadcasters fondly call the "candidate of the Left". This title has nothing to do with ideology; it is awarded to whichever

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Tory has the most convincing resemblance to a human being. Clearly Howard knows he will never be any good at that, so he doesn't really try. He is one of those men about whom it is said,

he would not be disarmingly finny or self-mocking or tipsy or flirtations. I suspect he would exhibit a certain vulnerability, but the kind that makes you want to run away lest you become infected

For there is something achingly weak about Michael Howard and he is not very good at disguising it. He does not cope with his refugee parentage at all well. Portillo manages to be both British xenophobe and dashing Spaniard so comfortably and flamboyantly that the shame he brings upon his father is all part of the package. Howard is evasive, furtive. So he throws himself wholeheartedly into law and

The tabloids conspire with him in depicting his court battles as fights between the man in the street and the ultra-left judiciary. playing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said. And he appears to delight in losing the unconscionable those men about whom it is said.

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know that it's not true. You know | ever more perilous for him, so that his survival seems ever more

> But the battle over the early release of prisoners was always going to be a cake-walk. The only question is whether he set the whole thing up to his advantage or whether he is incompetent. The latter is suggested by the fact that Richard Tilt's career was spared. Howard would love to dismiss Tilt and the party would love him for it. But he couldn't, because Tilt would not then have agreed to take

> Similarly, although Howard would love to be like Clarke and deny justice to the Bridgewater Four, he faced a judicial review which he would at the moment have been in the process of losing. And that frightened him, so much that he reversed his decision and referred the case to the Court of Appeal. So let us all take heart.



Green roads to the cement factory

E'RE JUST BACK from a splendid holiday in France, where in spite of the franc fort, you can still get an excellent four-course lunch for little more than a rather better meal would cost in London But Landon the more than a rather better meal would cost in London. But I always return with various small mysteries niggling on my mind. For example, why do those wonderful Michelin maps show windmills but not motorway service stations? Sometimes when you're running low it's more useful to

running low, it's more useful to find the nearest petrol than a Gallo-Roman sulphur bath. And how do they decide where to put those green lines along "scenic" routes? These are usually the most boring roads, consisting of thick stands of trees. You can fol-low them for miles, then soon afterwards come upon a valley where a crystal river glides through emerald pastureland, honey-coloured medieval villages cling to vertiginous cliffs, cherubim blow trumpets in the shafts of sunlight, etc, and there's no green line on the map.

Why? Is it some maniacal Enarquist French scheme? "Dupont. your quota of green lines is 47 per

cent too low. Draw some more!" "Oui, Monsieur," says the cowed little clerk, chewing on his tooth-brush moustache, then, when nobody is watching, he slaps a green line on the D911, just by the ce-

ment factory.

And why do Scots put those infuriating oval "Ecosse" stickers on the back of their cars? Do they imagine that restaurateurs will imagine that restaurablits with say: "Ah, nous ètes très bienvenues, pas comme les sales Anglaises ... over un kir gratuit?" I suppose, like so many Scottlish things, it is designed primarily to annoy the English.

IVE BEEN drawing enjoyment from Esther Rantzen's embarrasefrom Esther Rantzen's embarrass-ment over the attack on her Rant-zen Reports programme. Ms Rant-zen has always existed on the margin of my life, just close enough to be irritating. There was the time at the Edinburgh Festi-val when she filmed a theatre troupe which included my brother. She seemed encouraging and supportive, so they were hurt when the broadcast item was sneery and condescending. I was on some breakfast show with her

once — the only time I've met her - when she turned to the audience and declared: "I think it is family, since they cannot answer back." a remark so breathtak-ingly untrue that it drew loud

And what father, trying to bathe

I expect I'll have to go under the knife before I'm dead. and I'd be fascinated to know what it's like

his baby daughter in a manner deemed politically correct these days, hasn't cursed the way that the 99.99 per cent of us who aren't paedophiles now have to behave as circumspectly as if we were? I suppose what makes her present squirming so pleasing is the way that she has brought it on

herself, by leaving her usual easy targets of petty bureaucrats, perverts, double-glazing salesmen and turning on a group of people hard-working, dedicated. underpaid care workers — are actually very popular.

CANNOT SEE what is so wrong with the video of NHS operations or why we are supposed to be so disgusted. There's nothing shoul-ish about being intrigued by the imminence of death, since it's one of the few experiences all of us will share. I expect I'll have to go under the knife before I'm dead. and I would be fascinated to know beforehand what it's like.

Years ago there was a similar fuss about a TV film which showed a baby being born. Naturally I watched, and I am glad I did — nothing else could have pre-pared me for the reality. The point about the Everyday

Operations is not that it's educa-tional (a similar excuse was made for those how-to-do-it porn videos in which calm middle-aged doc tors in white coats introduce mistily filmed couples at it hammer and tones) but that it's deeply intriguing. I'm sure we'd be able to buy the thing if this PR-obsessed government hadn't decided there were a handful of votes in ban-

PRINCESS DIANA'S dazzling ring play on the day of her divorce proves again that she is the world's most natural public relations operator. Wearing the rings declared: "I am the wronged declared: I am the words as brightly as these gams." without saying a word. We are so dazzled by this instinctive understanding of the public mood (something the lumpish Windsors never manage) that we forget she must have been wearing the same jewellery while cavorting with those hunky

What's happened is that she now provides PR services for her own PRs. The top public relations people — Max Clifford, Lynne Franks and now by sexple to pre-Atkinson — exist largely to promote themselves. This they do by having high-profile clients, who actually provide the service they ostensibly offer. Princess Di could charge PRs for being their clients.

Once when I complained that she

While discussing her short hair-

do on another occasion I com-mented that if her hair got any shorter she would look like Sinead O'Connor (she's an Irish pop star, Bron). "At least I've got some hair,

Arthur". Diana said with a mean-ingful look at my beld bonce. Of course, that was all good fun.

But it shows that Diana can stop a

snapper at 40 paces when she wants to. Two of the paparazzi are shortly bringing out a book in which the Princess's language is

anything but ladylike. Their editors have blue-pencilled a lot of it

as too shocking for genteel British

So, you and your editor may be happy to wait for a palace announcement should Diana decide

to remarry. But the Sun is not. Getting the story first is what being

I WAS not impressed by your suf-fering over the polo incident. Do you think it possible that Princess Diama's friendliness has gone to

your head? You report her as responding to your criticism of her clothes with: "I suppose you'd like it better if I came naked."

Now there is nothing to be ashamed of in that, Arthur. You

would be superhuman if you could

follow an attractive young woman

around all day without wondering what she would be like in different

circumstances... A very high pro-portion of males will respond to her

handle the disappointment.
You say you have a sacred duty

will ever remarry. What you are

saying is that for the rest of her life

she must expect to be hounded by the tabloids. What has she done to

deserve it? Or is there an element of

sexual jealousy in the nation's reac-tion to its only international super-

Diana's supporters are women. I

am not sure what this story tells us

about British men. Perhaps that too

star? Seventy per cent of Prince

many of them read the Sun. Yours fraternally,

newspaperman is all about.

Your royally, Arthur Edwards.

Dear Arthur,

had worn the same evening gown so often that I couldn't get her photo in the Sun, she just laughed.
"Oh, I suppose you'd like it better if I came naked," she teased.

OTSINCE SMALLWEED

or Since Small WED confessed to having forgotten most of the words of that grand old song Delaware—"What Did Della Wear.

Boys?"—has anything occasioned such an authors of sioned such an outburst of sioned such an outpurst of scholarship as the claim I reported last week that the ditty "Til Take You Home Again, Kathleen" is the only Irish song penned by an Irishman. I found it in an interview with the author Terry Major Ball, brother to the Prime Minister, who said this was what their father had told him. One has to respect such a source, since Major-Ball senior had trodden the boards and Smallweed (give or take the odd appearance years ago in The Monkey's Paw by W W Jacobs) has not. I did suggest however that other Irish songs invented by Irishmen must surely lurk in the reper-toires of artists like John Mc-

Cormack and Josef Locke. My doubts are confirmed by a reader in Lurgan who has sent me a list of everything McCormack ever recorded, from Don Glovanni to the Ould Plaid Shawl and Take a Look at Molly. Though authorships are not stated, one cannot imagine that so vast an output, which began in 1904 with a series of Irish bal-lads and lasted almost to his death in 1943, precluded any-thing Irish by Irish people. Yet if the Major-Ball household was in error on that, it was even more deluded on the central conten-tion, that Kathleen was the work of an Irishman. It wasn't. It was written by Thomas Paine Westendorf, probably of Austrian origin, when he was teach-ing in Indiana and his wife was in distant New York. (His wife's name, by the way was Jennie, but an battitute Jennie for Kathleen and the song wouldn't

work.)
But Smallweed himself was in error in suggesting that Danny Boy must be Irish. In fact the words were written by an English lawyer called Weather-ley, possibly on the death of his son. Later the words were married, it appears by a man in Stra-bane, to the Londonderry Air, which all my correspondents was Weatherley, a letter from Nottingham adds, who while coxing at Henley in 1868 leapt clean out of the boat, thus inventing the coxless four.

in the same way, and that's the problem it is a question of how we HE BADMOUTHING by Pope of poets employing monosyllables has brought riage. This is bullshit, Arthur. There is no reason to suppose she of this practice. A fine example comes in the famous poem by Larkin about what your parents do to you without meaning to. This opens with 27 single sylla-bies, after which there is the disyllable "extra". Harry Lauder's song "Keep right on to the end of the Road", which comes just below it in my dictionary of quotations, opens with 35 successive monosyllables, but that is not a poem. There is also a story by Virginia Woolf which ends with 32 monosyllables (there were 83 in her original version but one fell by the way) of which two are profanities ather like the one in the Larkin, which I didn't need to quote: I know you've muttered it under your breath already.

This issue arose from a newlydiscovered verse by T S Eliot, baving to do with a lustful tin-ker, which was also full of banned words. A letter to the Guardian this week suggested this wasn't original, but was based on a song sung loudly in rugby clubs called The Ball at Kirriemuir. I have always felt this song was unsuitable for young people. "There were four and twenty virgins down from Inverness" the opening couplet claims, "and when the ball was over there were four and twenty ess." This is unacceptable. The word should be "fewer", not "less". May I suggest that those anxious to spare young minds from corruption should reword the text to read: "There were four and twenty virgins come to Kirriemuir, and when the ball was over there were four and twenty fewer"?

LL TROSE enlightened people, Tory MPs espe-cially, now congratulating the Way Ahead group or whatever it calls itself at the top of the Monarchist Party on suggesting that women should have as good a claim to the crown as men, should ask themselves what they were doing in 1981 when the Labour MP Michael English gave them the chance to vote for exactly that by intro-ducing his Succession to the Crown Bill. Among those who are in the clear are the Tory MPs Janet (now Dame Janet) Fookes and rather more surprisingly. Harry Greenway, not previ-ously on my list of angels of flaming radicalism, plus the Labour MP Betty Boothroyd, vho some of us republicans regard as about the best bet for the head-of-stateship today.

KNOW it is early days, but I hope that readers have noted the name of the club proudly on top this morning of division three of the Scottish Football League. For fear of tempting providence I do not intend to name it: I will only say that its ground, Central Park, is situted roughly 50 miles southsouth-west of Kirriemuir, while its name conjures up words like

## Diana and the tabloids



Do we now leave Di alone? Opening a new series, writer Auberon Waugh and

**Arthur Edwards**, Sun royal photographer, cross swords

### Dear Arthur,

VERYBODY under stands that it is your job to take photona. Many will decide that photographs of her looking stressed and tearful as she did after the divorce settlement was announced last month are justified as catching a particular mo-ment in the unfolding drams of the

But the tears and stress were not caused by the divorce that finally came through this week. They were caused by a gang of pressmen seven on motorbikes, two in cars who had been pursuing Diana until she was reduced to tears and then this sort of treatment that she ap-

I quite accept, Arthur, that you were not among the gang. And you can't be held responsible for the despicable behaviour of Martin Stenning, the photographer who has been banned from going within 300 metres of the princess. But you are among those who continue to

it is reasonable to ask how you square this activity with your selfrespect as a newspaperman and as a human being.

Part of the problem may be that you work for a proprietor who combines a former colonial boy's resentment against the mother country with some deeply personal. almost psychopathic anxieties about adultery. The princess of Wales catches it on both scores. There is also the element of misogmy, never far from the surface in Britzin, which delights in making

a beautiful woman suffer. Perhaps you feel that Dians richly deserves whatever punishment she receives - by virtue of being over-privileged, having secured a huge divorce settlement and being by no meens averse to favourable publicity. If you see yourself as a social avenger, well and good. Would you, perhaps, volunteer for the post of public hang-

man if it were available? All I ask of your colleagues who they let it be known that they have this higher purpose, and do not try to pass off the resulting cruelty as if it were in response to public her, even now she is divorced, and demand, or part of the news-gather-



Auberon Waugh, left and Arthur Edwards

doubt that there are psychopaths and sadists working on the Sun. It is just a question of whether you, Arthur Edwards, identify with the psychopaths or with the good-natured, easy-going side of the opera-tion which still makes the Sun Britain's favourite newspaper.

Yours fraternally.

### Dear Auberon,

IT GIVES me no pleasure to see pictures of the Princess of Wales being chased through the streets of London. These pictures did not appear in the Sun and none of the pursuing photographers worked for Britain's favourite newspaper.

I did not realise, Auberon, that you were on such intimate terms with the Princess — how else would you know that her tears were not caused by the stress of her divorce, but by the appalling paparazzi. Per-haps she also confided in you that for 16 years she has courted cam-eramen, and I include myself as one

Once when visiting the Taj Mahal I asked her to pose exclusively for me and she readily agreed "Where do you want me, Arthur?" she asked. I do not flatter myself that she was just trying to help me.
The reason is more likely that 13 million Sun readers would see her at her gorgeous best.

Funnily enough, it is always the papers with the highest circulation to whom Diana is the most cooperative. Diana is the most fascinating and photogenic member of the royal family, and most of the thousands of pictures I have taken of her have been flattering. Many have ended up in her private

Maybe you fail to appreciate how

historic this week has been: the es' divorce is a momentous event. It is one of the greatest news stories since the 1936 Abdication Crists and the way the princess tackles her new solo role is of immense interest to everyone. When photographers trail after Diana, it is because they want to know if she will remarry, and who will be the lucky chap? This is a

legitimate news story.
If you actually read the popular press instead of smugly criticising them, you would know that the Sun sticks to the Press Complaints Commission guidelines. In fact Rupert Murdoch recently castited one of his editors for publish ing a picture of Princess Diana's any psychopaths at the Sun. I have looked hard and can only find one sadist. He is the one who cuts my

expenses every week, Yours royally, Arthur Edwards

### Dear Arthur.

THANK you for your letter. The information that the Princes of Wales's tears were caused by harassment from press photogra-phers, rather than by the stress of her divorce, did not come from any a public statement issued from he

Of course she has been friendly and helpful to you. That was her job as wife of the heir to the throne as well as her nature. Now you say she "courted" you as if that was somehow reprehensible.

But there is all the difference is the world between photographing a beautiful and co-operative woman about her public occasions, and hounding a woman in her private

I agree that if and when she decides to remarry, it will be matter of interest to nearly every body in the country; but nobody outside the media will care who is

first with the story.
If she is followed around, night and day, by pressmen looking for clues it will create unmecessary

I am sorry to hear they are cutting your expenses on the Sun. These are bad times for journalists. Could it be time for us both to try

### Dear Auberon,

I DON'T think you should believe everything that emanates from a

Some time ago I asked Princes Diana if she would ever watch a game of polo again. In reply she rolled her eyes to heaven and sighed: "No, I hate the game, I don't and it and never have. Imagine my surprise, when shortly afterwards she turned up at Smith's Lawn with Prince Harry.
Of course, it's every lady's pre-

rogative to change her mind. But your adored princess seems to change hers quite a lot. Although she screams at presence in the et on occasion, she also cosie up to them when she feels like it. Only recently she was spotted in Kensington Gardens enjoying a clandestine meeting with a news paper reporter. If that was shee coincidence, I'm a lottery winner. If you had worked with Princes Disma as often as I have you might not worry about her so much. She

is much tougher than you think. Her father, the late Earl Spencer, called her "pure steel inside".

#### Dear Auberon, WHEN Princess Diana bared her

soul to the world on Panorama she divided the nation. Most women, as you say in your letter, supported her. Most men it seems couldn't care less. To them she is just a very lucky person living in a palace paid for by the taxpayer.

A woman kept in such style, with

£17 million in the bank from her ex-bushand and untold privilege, should not complain if she is occa sionally harassed unnecessarily by paparazzi. Although Princess Diana comes out of the top drawer, she is in my opinion a classless icon full of compassion. I see a mixture of Mother Teresa and Cindy Crawford a woman unique to this century.

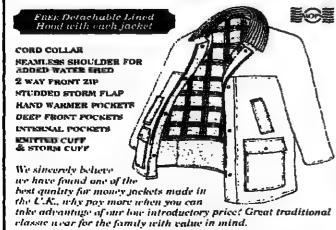
Nobody knows better than I do Auberon, what Diana has done for Britain. I have seen her shaking hands with lepers in Nigeria and with soul-searching honesty talking about her personal battle with bulimla

I certainly don't expect to see her like again in my lifetime. She is determined to leave this world a better place, and in the process try to drag the royal family kicking and creaming into the Zist Century. Even though Prince Charles has rejected her, she still has a lot to offer the nation — as well as broken-down photographers like m nber Auberon, Di-But just reme

ana isn't perfect. Nobody is. Yours royally, Arthur Edwards

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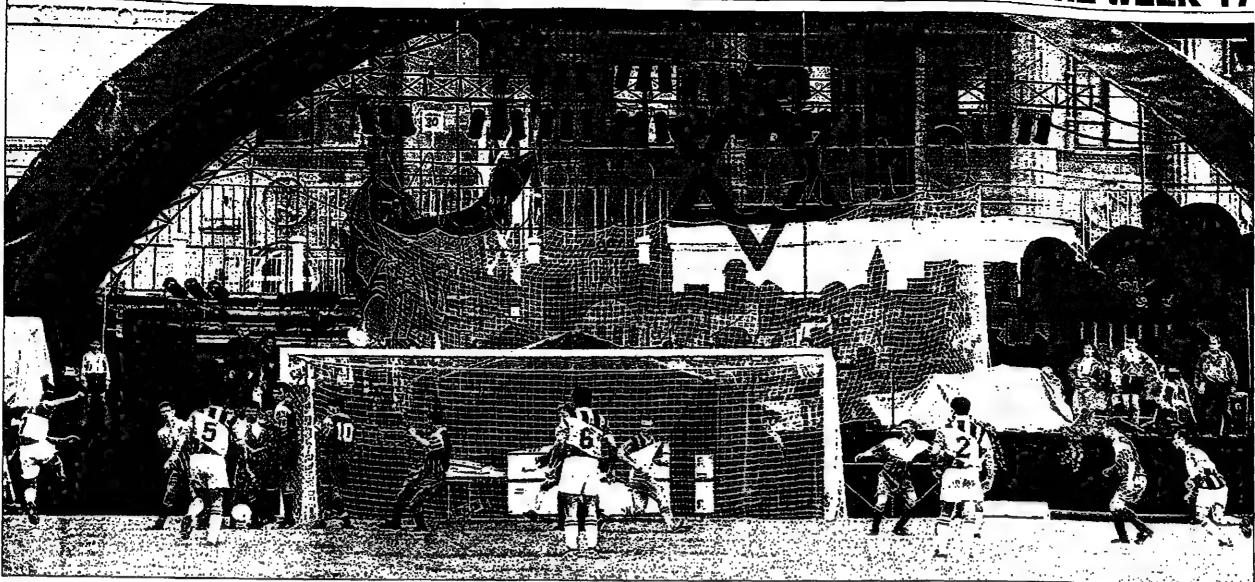
### Doonesbury











Stars and journeymen . . . Moldova's Constructoral v Unisport fixture is overshadowed by a concert for Hear O Israel, whose devotees are pictured below. Tomorrow, Glenn Hoddle's boys tread the same turf



## An elegenmant and residence in away with Jews for esus



Moldo-where? This obscure country is England's first World Cup stage tomorrow. **Matthew Engel** finds it full of trees and Wamburgers

Photograph by Don McPhee

IIS is a report from the most obscure country in Europe Somewhat unexpect edly, the story also involves a singer who was well-known in the early Helen Shapiro, of whom more later.

Miss Shapiro is probably not going to get more famous in the next 48 hours, but the country is, Provided the airport had one of its good days, the England soccer team should have arrived last night in Chisinau, capital of the Republic of Moldova, to play their first qualifying match for the 1996 World Cup. The magic of football is such

that by tomorrow night Moldova's name-recognition in Britain tially, which is important for a small country trying to make its way in the world. The down-side is that by then Moldova will know more about us, and what they learn will be dictated by our footballers and their supporters, not always the most successful or ensitive of diplomata

It is possible that the fans will trash the centre of Chisinau, and England will play like Charlies, struggling to a 0-0 draw before returning home whingsing about what a dump Moldova is, which is what the Welsh did when they played there two years ago.

Well, I would take Chisinau in well, I would take Chisman in preference to Tredegar any day. I have never seen so many trees in a city. The Soviet tower blocks are hideous, of course, but the centre is charming, and the wood-pigeons coo gantly in the background: this is Moscow merged with Sleepy Hollow.

Moldova is the eastern part of what the English call either Mol-

what the English call either Mol-davia or Bessarabia. It is tucked away between Romania and Ukraine, a touch bigger than Wales. The rest of Moldavia is part of Romania, and the Moldo-van language is no more than Romanian with an accent. In 1940 this bit was grabbed by Stalin, who Russified Chisinau into Kiwho russined character is shiney, and forced the people to use Cyrillic script, an order rescinded exactly seven years ago

But the place was not quite But the place was not quite ruined. Heavy industry never came here. Instead, Moldova be-came a sort of Soviet Florida: miners who fulfilled their quotas for enough years in the Arctic Circle were allowed to retire down here, where the winters are

normally softer.
Actually, last winter was unactually, last winter was un-usually tough and Moldova ran out of money to pay the Russians for fuel. There is still no hot water and most of the street lights are off. But on Stefan the Great Boulevard (formerly Lenin Prospekt) the pavement cafes to visit Chisinau.

keep going all night, and so do the Wamburger joints (note to McDonald's lawyers: their symitate 1960s stars scratch a living

bol is two upturned golden arches — have fun in the Moldovan courts). The summer nights have a relaxed Italianate air. There is jazz on the radio. The beer is drinkable and the wine is very decent. The women are un derdressed and not exactly stand offish. A football supporter migh think it was heaven. After a fer drinks, a gnarled old Guardian hack began to think it was pretty

Even in the rougher parts of town, the usual East Bloc smel of piss and decay is mitigated by something more agreeable: cheese blintzes, I think. There is corruption, poverty and gang-sterism — but less of all of these than in Russia or Ukraine or all those places ending in -stan There are both fewer beggars and fewer Mercedes.

When the Soviet Union broke up, most thought Moldova would join Romania. But the people developed an unexpected taste for running their own affairs, al-though the minority of Russianspeakers in the east had their own views and splintered from the splinter, setting up the state of Trans-Dniestria.

No one takes much notice, however. Even government ministers still cross the supposed frontier without problems, and the soccer team from the Trans-Dniestrian capital, Tiraspol, carries on playing in the Moldovan League as though nothing had happened. The West expects Trans-Dniestra to give up calmly. Moldova would like to be known, if only for its wine and

apple juice so it can make some money and switch the lights back on. But it is Bosnia and Chechnya that everyone has heard of. Moldova's obscurity comes from the good fortune of living in uninteresting times. The people do know more about us than we about them.

They like East 17 and Take That and adaptations of Jane Austen. Those with satellite dishes watched Good Morning with Anne and Nick. In Chisinau's astonishing number of casinos, they play cards on London-made blackjack tables. In the market, traders selling Greek olives, Russian salad cream, Bulgarian tomato ketchup and Polish pickled mushrooms mysteriously pack them all up in Sainsbury bags. And then of course there is Helen Shapiro. Older readers will recall her as a north London Jewish teenager

who took Walking Back to Happiness to no. 1 in 1961. She has not been in the charts for more than 30 years, but at 50 she still looks and sounds good. And until Hod-dle, Gazza, Shearer and the rest got in last night, she was proba-bly the most famous Briton ever

in out-of-the-way venues. She was playing the Republic Sta-dium, where the footballers will appear tomorrow, as the star turn put on by the Hear O Israel ministry of Rochester, New York,

Chisinau was once a great cen-tre of East European Jewish culture. In the 1920s over half of the population was Jewish. But the eastern edge of German-influ-enced anti-Semitism met the western edge of Stalinist oppres-sion; nearly all the Jews left or were wiped out. The remainder, like the rest of Moidova, found themselves cut off, both geo-graphically and intellectually. That has changed only par-

tially, so if a group of Jews turn up, putting on a free show with igs and a firework display, giving away books and a pencil (in exchange for your name and address) to all-comers, Jewish or not, that constitutes big excitement in Chisinau.

Unlike most Jews, the Hear O Israel ministry seeks converts with the enthusiasm of American evangelical Christians. There is another, more fundamental, distinction: they believe Jesus was

The idea of Jews for oxymoron. But they don't know that in places where for decades people were told only what the Russians wanted them to know. Anyway, life under Communism was full of contradictions. This is why the Hear O Israel ministry goes to Minsk and Odessa and Chisinau and keeps rather qui-eter in London, Brooklyn and Tel

T FIRST I thought the whole business was too surreal to mention. But I came to think it was fun-damental to an understanding of Moldova. These are people thirsting for everything that was denied them in the years of Soviet control: Coca-Cola, Lucky Strike, Hear O Is-rael, whatever. I was always told that East Germany was the only place where there would be queues for copies of the Watch-tower, the Jehovah's Witnesses' tract. But in Chisinau I reckon they would queue for blank

pleces of paper.

And so, on a damp Saturday afternoon in the stadium, the main football match of the day— Constructorul v Unisport ~ kicked off with one team shooting towards a stage set depicting a huge cardboard-cutout rabbi blowing a ram's horn over Bethlehem. The weather was damp and the crowd was tiny, less than 30. And after Constructorul scored twice in the five minutes after the 4pm kick-off, the game drifted into nothingness.

The crowd, however, kept getting bigger, because the Hear O Israel people were arriving for their evening show, starting at

six. They were not even prepared to wait. Their security people kicked the football reporters out of the press box: the Moldovans, used to obeying authority, meekly complied.

Then, with the game still in progress, the orchestra began warming up, a process magnified by glant speakers positioned just behind the ears of the Unisport coalkeaper. Aparts Percentage goalkeeper, Anatol Borovicov. However many converts Hear O Israel made in Chisinau, I dare say Borovicov was not among them. He was incensed, and eventually his team-mates got the ref-eree to halt the match. This never bappens at Villa Park: Religious

Extremists Stop Play. The Guardian appealed to David Levins, the deputy direc-tor of Hear O Israel. "These poor guys are trying to play a football

"We're surprised they sched-uled one," he replied blithely. "You've got to get those musi-

cians to stop," I said.
"We've rented this stadium for the week," he said finally, and rather pastily.

The harassed director of the stadhim secured a comprendse. The game finished in peace, the foot-ballers left, the crowds trooped in for the free show, and Miss Shapiro took over the stage, a tiny, vulnerable, figure, getting as near Wembley like Springsteen He is my defence.

shall not be mov-ed . . . while folk dancers performed near the corner flag and a translation appeared on the electronic scoreboard. The crowd was 200 times bigger than the football attendance and they were infinitely more enthusiastic.

Miss Shapiro's sincerity is beyond question. She says that since she came to Jesus, it has made her more secure in her Jewishness. It has certainly got her crossed off the list of celebrities asked to do

Jewish charity gigs back home.

Personally, I have trouble coping with anyone who offers a simple solution to a complex world. But it is the simpliess who present themselves to the Moldo vans. The Jehovah's Witnesset month. Before the autumn is out, every organised group of charlatans and quacks imaginable could be along to whip up a bit of money and enthusiasm: Bessarabian imperialists, flat-earthers, Nazis,

Communists even.

This weekend the stadium will belong to the footballers, from Moldova and from England, manufacturers of fine blackjack tables and plastic bags. Heaven knows what the football writers will make of it. I hope they empathise with a place short of recognition. money, hot water, and electricity; short above all of a well-developed critical faculty, prey to anyone with catchy tunes and free

## The prisoner with a load off his mind

Duncan Campbell introduces Charles Bronson, who

prison officers to get off their backs. This weekend, however, the man described as Britain's most violent inmate will not only be inviting an officer to describe as the back but will press-ups with the man's weight bearing down on him. Charles Bronson, aged 45, who

Charles Bronson, aged 45, who changed his name from Micky Peterson to that of the American actor, is attempting what he describes as a "world record feat of strength" in Belmarsh prison, Woolwich, south London, by enending as hour doing pressure. tor, is attempting what he describes as a "world record feat of strength" in Belmarsh prison, Woolwich, south London, by spending an hour doing press-ups spending an hour doing press-ups with an officer on his back. He recently best the world record for push-ups using the medicine ball which he describes as his "best which he describes as his "best riend" in prison.

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ost inmates of jalls world record is 150 such press-ups carried out by a 20-stone Russian more than to tell strongman. He's been practising for the attempt by doing 3.500 press-ups a day — albeit without anyone sitting on him.

Britain's most violent inmate will.

The money raised from the sponsored attempt will go to the clamber on to his back, but will then be carrying out hundreds of them be carrying out hundreds of pressups with the man's weight bearing down on him. ters sent to the Guardian, he ex-plains that "Humans make me sick; the horses are harmless."

He has also sent us his own car-

foon drawing of tomorrow's feat,

"The whole jail is buzzing," says Bronson of the attempt. He has been assisted in previous feats of strength by prison officers and he claims that as a result of their help in the gym he has be-come a less violent prisoner. Bronson, who has spent 25 years behind bars — more than half his life — is serving a sentence for armed robbery. Additional sen-tences have been added because of

his many assaults on members of the prison staff. He has, he says, smashed up total of eight roots in prison. He has constantly been moved from jail to jail but has been allowed to settle at Belmarsh. During his time inside he has

written two books and won Koestier Awards for his cartooning work. His writing has appeared in Esquire magazine and he is cur-rently working on another book — Solitary Fitness. Compulsory



Bronson, strong and solitary

reading for surybody who wants to do over 150 press-ups with a prison officer on their back.

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explains, below, his attempt at a world record for strength

PROPLE may be wondering why I train for world records. Well, I'll tell you. strength. I was once a nasty bastard! I used to rip prison roofs off. They treated me like a I'm doing it for horses --lovely, innocent animals. It's people who give me head pains. I'm sick of reading about the ill treatment of horses — of any animals.

Come in and whip me, beat

me; I deserve all I get. Put me in a cage, torture me. I'm a eriminal, an armed robber. I was once out of control, vio-lent. They should have blown out my lights: they had the chance to exterminate me, but they tortured me instead.

I'm not complaining. But I'm mad when horses get treated so bad. So I decided to do this world feat for the horses. Up to now we have well over 2500. So why do I do it? I'm 45, super-fit, strong. And I'm a but they list man who enjoys a test of lot of souls.

mad dog. I ended up in a cage, inside the belly of the system.

Prison tried to destroy me by messing up my head on the Continuous Assessment Scheme [the system that moves disruptive prisoners from jall to jail]. Then Matthew [Mat-thew Mark — a prison campaigner who has encouraged Bronson to write] popped into my life and I saw a rainbow. There's hope for everybody. I'm the proof, see. A miracle's hap-pened — I went to sleep a mad man, and woke up a genius. Now I write, I draw, I paint and I help others. Cons write to me asking for advice, which I give and they accept. They don't lis-ten to cops or prison or courts, but they listen to me. I "save" a

I'm still Britain's No 1 danger man. My label will never disap-pear. It took 45 years to get this label; 45 years of my existence! Now it's with me till I stop breathing — a man can't be the most violent man one day, then normal the next. It's a label that's for life.

So I now create Yes, this is all the creation of a mad man. A man who's been in solitary for 20 years. Mat-thew and me are working on a book together. It's a very heavy book indeed. It's about life, death, rebirth. I'm the man who found himself and I'm no longer just mad, or bad, or seen as a no-hoper. Now Pro got feel-ings, emotions. I love the

Right. Must fly. So much to ட். ப்பு 10 years left inside. I'll have served 35 years then. But you watch me walk out.

## 기 Gallagher wants to smash his brother's head in with a guitar

But it's perfectly normal behaviour for siblings, says psychologist Dorothy Rowe

he was doing it in the way that

families do - in the most public

place, causing the most embar-

rassment and inconvenience to his nearest and dearest. Family fights

usually erupt at weddings, chris-

reported as saying of his brother and guitars, "I \*\*\*ing hate that tw\*t there, I \*\*\*ing hate him. And

twit there, I wing hate him. And one day I hope I can smash \*\*\*\* out of him with a \*\*\*\*ing Ricken-backer right on his head." Liam is 23 and Noel 29. In umpteen years time, will they be giving interviews and talking about past misunderstandings but now they're older and wiser and the heat of

older and wiser and the best of

friends? Or will the hatred deepen and the rift — patched up for the time being — widen?

they don't at least appear to get along they'll be criticised by those

people who believe families should stick together. The media praise a family when they call it "close"

and make no mention of the fact

that in a close family the knives go

in deep, much more deeply than in

those families where self-suffl-

If you grew up with your sib-

lings you have many memories

which aren't in words but in touch, tasts, sound and smell,

memories of being little in a world of giants. All your memories have implications that are neither good

nor bad but both. That's the prob-

lems of siblings. You love them

If you're the first born you

begin life as an only child. People speak of lonely onlies, but the

great advantage is, as my son, an only, said, "You don't have to

share." The rivalry between the sisters Olivia de Haviland and

Joan was born. Olivia's father wasn't interested in her, so for 18

months she enjoyed the undivided

attention of her mother. Then Joan arrived. According to their biographer, Charles Higham, this was when Olivia developed her

technique, later used to great advantage in films, of creating

heroic crying fits which got her all the attention of the adults around

The snapshots of A S Byatt in the first two years of her life are of a smiling, cheerful child. Then her sister, Margaret Drabble, arrived

and little Antonia did not smile again. She recognised the rivalry she had with her sister and in

later life said she had seen such

rivalry in every family she knew. Small children greet the arriva

of another baby with rage and jealousy. It can last a lifetime and be provoked by the most extraordinary things. I was born on my sister's sixth birthday which was not a good career move for me. My sixth the bas never forcion me.

ter has never forgiven me, and there is nothing I have ever pos-

d about which she cannot be

Joan Fontaine started the mor

ciency is the rule.

and vou hate them.

SHOOTING STARS



What do you call three young Geordie lasses (and a lad) who transport themselves from blushing innocence to a wacky world of eccentric behaviour and hallucopenic substances? Alice in Sunderland? Or Kenickle, the hottest, (s)punklest 15-year-old popsters ever to twang a string on Teesalde?

Up . . . The band record an eight-track EP, Catsult City, in an afternoon. Buy the record, they insist, "or we'll kill a big-eyed kitten. Every hour." John Peel shows interest, as does the music press and major record competes.

The A-list A-level combo come to London Spiesh Club on Thursday to continue their jetpowered rise to global stardom. Their new single, Punka - which moved NME to proclaim "the Best New Band in Britain by about a million miles" - is out this week.

**BARRY KYLE** 



Going . . .

One of the "young turks" making it as a director in the 70s and 80s, Kyle's 15-year atint at the RSC, including 11 as associate director, ended with Moscow Gold by Tariq which was not quite so wall received ("a great extravagent jumble").

Going . . . Adrian Noble's arrival at the RSC heralds the disbanding structure, so it's au revoir

Gone . . . Disappearing almost without trace, until now. Kyle has for-saken the West End for the Deep South, forming the expressively-titled Swine Palace Productions in Louislana in the US, and teaching at Louisiana State University. Can Mark Rylance lure him back to the Globe?

jeslous. A few years ago she dis-EN Liam Gal covered my post arrived at 7.30am.
"I have to wait till the afternoon for mine!" she cried in that familout of the pas senger lounge at Heathrow 15 minutes before iar tone of "It's not fair!". his flight to America he was doing what all brothers do — fight. And

Having to share means siblings also learn how to compete. Many also learn how to compete. Many people say this competition made them stronger, but in saying this they tend to overlook just how painful the competition was at the time. In competing for a space of your own, or for the parents' attention and goods, children can be victors with one another. tenings and funerals.
Liam hadn't hidden his feelings towards brother Noel. He's

vicious with one another.
As small children our sense of being a person is constantly under threat because we know so little of the world, we make so many mis-takes, and other, older people can hamboozle us and use their power over us to humilists and hurt us. Having your big brother steal the little shells you were treasuring can be more devastating than hav-ing your opera bomb or the critics slate your acting. Siblings are very good at knowing just what matters to you most. Olivia de Haviland as a child tried to ismore her sister's something fury Joan would lash back by exercising a junior sister's prerogative in imitating her elder sibling: a wispy shadow, she would trail behind her, mimicking her," says Higham, Children, thus attacked, fight back. When the adults ban physical fighting the children fight in other ways, competing wherever competition is possible. The only way to avoid such competition is to withdraw from that particular activity. Thus many siblings grow up with greatly different abilities and interests. The three Attenborough brothers avoided a great deal of competition by becoming interested in different things. David took to biology, geology and climbing, Richard to acting, and John, the youngest, to aeroplanes. When, during the war, David had gone into the Navy and Richard into the RAF, John felt that, despite his interest in flying, only the Army was left for him.

Competing can become an ingrained habit which persists ven when the need is well outgrown. When Lyn Barber inter-viewed John Selwyn Gummer, Minister for the Environment, and his younger brother Peter, now a Lord and Chairman of the Opera House, she noticed how John did most of the talking, often butted in when she was asking Peter ques-tions, and, no matter what anec dote Peter told, John capped it with one of his own, John appar-ently still feels the need to keep his young brother in his place.

Some younger siblings suffer low esteem and fear they may not be able to match up to thier high achieving brothers or sisters Joseph Fiennes's career has followed the identical path to his brother Ralph's — from art college, to drama school to the RSC. He recently told this paper: "The worst thing that I could imagine was that I'd be a terrible actor and the the Land of the paper was the could imagine was that I'd be a terrible actor and that I would end up embarrassing him all the time."

Many first-borns feel that the compensation for losing the heaven of being the only child is









that they have life-long domina-tion over their younger siblings. No doubt this is one of the causes

tion over their younger slavings. No doubt this is one of the causes of Liam's anger with his brother. Yet, by storming out as he did, Liam showed himself to be one of those younger siblings who might rage against the older sibling's domination, but, at the same time, wants the older sibling to carry the responsibility that he himself is not prepared to shoulder.

Biographies of successful siblings usually show an ambitious parent who pushed the children and, in many cases, used the rivalry between the children as a way of spurring them to greater effort. This was certainly the case for the Drabble girls. Mrs Drabble planned that they should go to Cambridge, so they did. Antonia was a hard act to follow, getting a scholarship to Cambridge and then a First. Margaret got a scholarship to, but then a starred then a First. Margaret got a schol-arship too, but then a starred First. Margaret was first to write a novel and her novels have out-shone Antonia's until fairly recently when the weight and depth of Antonia's work has been properly appreciated.

For some siblings the only con-nection between them is their competition, but for others there is a more complex closeness. Inter-viewers of Julian and Andrew Lloyd-Webber come up with differ-ent theories about the degree of jealousy Julian feels towards

ent theories about the degree of jealousy Julian feels towards Andrew and about the degree of help Andrew has given Julian. But one thing comes through clearly—the feeling of loss Julian experienced when at school they went their separate ways. They both attended Westminster Prep where Andrew was known as Lloyd-Webber One and Julian Lloyd-Webber Two semething that kept the Two, something that kept the younger boy in his place. Yet when Andrew went to board at Westminster Great School on a scholarship and Julian, not so academically inclined, did not go on to join him.

inclined, did not go on to join him, Julian feit deserted. Thirty-five years later he could sax "I was 10 and I missed him terribly."

Independence can be lonely, but dependence can inhibit and stunt. If both siblings are creative, and their creativities coincide, then the dilemma is all the greater. the dilemma is all the greater. Families can be supportive, but they can also be each other's most knowing critics. In an artistic collaboration, that criticism is pre-sent at the most intimate point of creativity L P Hartley in his novel Eustace And Hilda showed how a younger brother can become so dependent on his older sister that he cannot operate without her. Such dependence usually grows out of necessity but can continue

after the need has gone.

The tragedy of a closeness that becomes a symbiosis is seen in the lives of Richard and Karen Carpenter. They too had pushy, perfec-tionist parents, but Karen looked for her support and guidance to Richard to such an extent that she could not conceive of living with-out him. After her death Richard described her as being "unnatu-rally possessive" of him, but actu-ally he maintained the conditions whereby she could be possessive of him. He has said: "In a sense it was the end of my career when Karen died. I believe that Karen and I were put here to make music together. Our talents complemented each other and our voices blended beautifully

Notions about God's purposes usually derive from parents, but it is hard to disentangle the effects parents have on children from the effects children have on one another. Parents often claim that they have brought up each child in the same way, but this is never the case. Parents often impose a different role on each child. This is the pretty one. This is the brainy one. That one's artistic. Once a role is imposed it's hard to shake it off. Parents take their feelings out dif-ferently on each child, Murry Wilson, father of the Beach Boys Brian, Dennis and Carl, "beat the hell out of" Brian, and Dennis even more, but Carl hardly at all.

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How do siblings over the years manage to put aside their differ-ences and become friends? By talking Antonia Byatt has described how she and her sister Margaret spend time together talking about the past, about their lives and the lives of their parents and grandparents. They see and accept that each has her own version of their shared history and how, as the years pass, their versions of their history develop and change. There must have been many occasions when each of them, knowing that the other would accept it, said, "Sorry". I envy them this. My sister is one of those rare people, someone who has never, in her whole life, done any-thing which warrants this word "sorry", and if I try to say that she has hurt me she flies into a rage. I find this sad. It must be nice to have a sibling who is also a best friend Perhaps Liam and Noel will

ponder these two possible out-comes and take Bob Hoskins's advice, "It's good to talk." The second edition of Dorothy Rowe's Depression: The Way Out Of Your Prison will be published by Routledge on September 5.

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## **Food for thought**

Provocations John Cunningham

AN you imagine a theatre critic behaving as outra-geously during a play as chast Winner does in a different restaurant every week, then putting his petulance at the cen-tre of his review? Or a music critic covering a concert in the manner Winner's Sunday Times colleague A A Gill — more about babes and boobs than Brahms and Beethoven? Or an opera review larded with info about the critic's relationship with his Significant Other, in the manner

of the Observer's foodie, Will Crazy: could never happen. Evaluating books and performances is too serious a husiness for the broadsheets and arts magazines to muck about with. Whether or not we agree with the critics, we turn to them because of the acuity of their judgments and their accumu-lated wisdom.

Not so crazy: could start to happen. Consider how food and football have become the pillars of the cultural pentheor; sure they're there for decoration rather than gravitas in the national newspapers, but they point the trend. Consider also the rise of the restaurant review or, more precisely, the rise of the

estaurant reviewer. With more space given to eating out, food is one aspect of cul-ture where the Young Turks who edit the culture and lifestyle sections of the broadsheets can innovate by redefining the role of the critic, or at least loosen-



as much for their ambience as their menus. They are in the performance busine see no reason why they shouldn't interact. And it's a short step for the critics to start strutting heir stuff and swap passivity

for participation.

The barriers that might stop this trend washing over into serious criticism of the arts seem solid, but are flimsier than we might think. The big egos

have moved on to the restaurant review circuit: MPs do it (Ken Livingstone); actors (John Wells); showbiz kings (Andrew Lloyd-Webber) as well as literary writers. Soon these Lords of the

Lifestyle and Culture Sections will start oudging their the reviewers in sexy directions: is the new Salman Rushdie suitable for reading in 15 minute sessions on an exercise bike in the gym? Are the boxes at the ROH suitable for nookie during the Marriage of Figaro? Far-fetched, but the hot money's on novelty when it comes to review-ing. What's more, producers and publishers yearn for new tricks. Consider this: you might have thought that by recreating the Globe Theatre, Mark Rylance was cementing Shakespeare in aspic. Think again: the revived Elizabethan practice of the "groundlings" — that is, the playerers standing in the pit, become hiscing and cheering.

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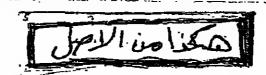
will make audience participa-

tion a factor in a production critics cannot ignore. Indeed, reviews of Two Gentlemen Of Verona have commented on the public's reaction. And given that Mr Rylance feels critics should pay for their seats, they may well feel like adding a "consumer" element to their reviews

— did their wives have to queue for the loo; the rows with their lovers over parking the car.
So let's be warned before silliness starts to crode serious criticism. The only place for a critic's Significant Other is at home. The only thing a critic needs is an Insignificant Self.

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### Selina's eyebrows

N AN Intimate History Of Humanity, Theodore Zeldin wisely writes: "The right to express yourself still leaves you with the need to decide what to say, to find someone to listen, and to make your words sound beautiful; these are skills which need to be acquired." He's clearly been watching LIVE TV.

For that is the characteristic. experience of surfing 43 chan-nels: there is the framework of freedom, but no content. No matter how many buttons you pushed, it was impossible to get away from Liam Gallagher Everybody had the same clip, the reporter so far up his back-side that she could sing lead vocals on Liam's behalf for the rest of Oasis's US tour.

This cosiness between interviewer and interviewee was a fitting prelude to The Selina Scott Show (NBC Super Channel). Selina's eyebrows canced, sending out seductive messages to her guest, fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi, whose eyebrows replied with equal ardour. Which was just as well because verbal communication

proved impossible.
"We've seen your collection,"
she began, those bedroom eyebrows asking if he came here often. "Which is wowing them all." We may have longed to be wowed, but we saw nothing of Issac's collection, unless the horrible anorak and T-shirt be

was wearing were part of it.
She asked: "What is it you are
doing Isaac in terms of fashion
in America? I have watched people walking around in trainers and T-shirts. Men and women. Who buys clothes in America?" Not so much a question as a cry for help. Make your words sound beautiful. These are skills that need to be acquired. What was the question again? Selina, eyebrows asking to be

invited back for coffee, listened while isaac said that his collection broke through national barriers: "I think it's for a

woman who needs these things ... A woman who needs these solutions, these lifestyle solutions." One thought of Patsy and Edina in Morocco, collecting ethnic dross.

She wound up, winking gamely at isaac's coy sidelong glances. Then she noticed some thing. The eyebrows reached their thrilling peak; "I love your shoes!" Isaac looked down excit-edly, gratefully. And suddenly eloquence was his: "This is exactly what I've been talking about! You see, these are
American, but they're Belgian.\*
Like everything else they talked
about in this parody of an interview, these Belgo-American mysteries were off camera.

She never asked the key sar-torial questions of the day. Why do the men who play
Lunchbox Volleyhall (LIVE TV)
have leopardskin briefs with
orange gussets? Can one set fire
to News Bunny's suit without
being arrested? being arrested?
Instead, Selina's eyebrows lit
a post-coital cigarette and pre-pared for the next guest.

Tonight With Simon McCoy (Sky One) had an exclusive (Sky One) had an exclusive interview with the Marquesa de Varela, Hello! magazine's international socialite, the kind of woman in need of a Isaac. Mizrahi lifestyle solution. She was on the point of quitting the magazine, loading her contacts book on to a large ship and heading for New York: "I'm very much against people who is trying to do me, my life difficult, only I think out of jealousy." If only Selina and the Marquesa could meet, one felt sure they would form a close bond.

would form a close bond. McCoy was an excellent interviewer during this point-lessly in-depth half-hour inqui-sition. But then the media is never happier than when cross examining itself. On Breakfast News (BBC1), Charles Wheeler and Bridget Kendall inter-viewed each other in Chicago. "Charles, this is your 16th convention. Do these conventions matter any more?"

Apparently not. On The Jay Leno Show (NBC), bored reporter Kevin Nealon had a remote control which could apparently change channels on the vast screen behind the con-vention podium. Flip, flip, flip — he cut from speeches by people who had the right to express themselves, but less to say. Wasn't there a game on somewhere? Can you get the Shopping Channel in Chicago?



What a bummer . . . Billboards grossed \$10 million in its first year, but as a ballet it is astonishingly inept

## Is this the worst dance ever made?

So you thought Prince was sexy? Not after Joffrey Ballet have had their way with his music. **Judith Mackrell** sits through Billboards

### WAVE RIDING **ANNE KARPF**

### The great grovel

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ND SO he's acquiesced. Micholas Kenyon, con-troller of Radio 3, has bowed to his baying audience and is to replace Paul Gambeccini in the Morning Collection with three safe, old broadcasting hands: Catriona Young, Peter Bobday, and Penny Gore. At one fell swoop two lis-tener campaigns have been won: Gambaocini will go, and Hobday

As with Radio 4 and Getry Anderson, the format is retained but the front-man changed. And in the manner of broadcasting grandees everywhere, Kenyon professes success in the fullle hope of obscuring the failure. What he said was: "The format and content of Morning Collection has been a great succonsection has been a great suc-cess with our listeners and I am very pleased that we have such a strong team of presenters to take the programme forward." What he meant was: "I had no idea that you were going to hate him, loathe him, abbor kim so extravagantly. You can't possibly object to this lot, so let's just forget the whole sorry business."
In fact, after the first couple of

weeks with its determinedly easy listening repertoire, Morning Collection's content was fine and occasionally canny. Gambaccini wasn't. Cairiona Young, who's been replacing him all week while he's on boliday, returns Radio 3 mornings to an earlier style; this is radio by an earlier style; this is radio by announcers rather than nam Young is the kind of low-key presenter who sounds as if she usually trails someone else's programmes, reads the news, and back-announces the title of the last record. She tells us about the origin of the work and

its first performance (invariably a turbey). So did Gambo, but he turned it into the stuff of a Ken Russell movie which he alone could narrate. Those who still love Radio 3 for its (relative) freedom from merioritos fulk and facing tips will rest easy and facing the water early again. But the problem of widening the network's appeal without patronising the ad-cionades won't go away. The amouncement about

Gembo's successors was made while medic attention was focused on the current had boy of radio, Chris Evans, Gossip and rumour have their money on Mark Raddiffe as a possible accessor but I don't Raddiffe is a territo broadcaster but his siyle is pure evening. His nightly Radio 1 show is uncompromisingly smart and ironic, with roots in the 1960s and 1970s: he isn't embarrassed to know who Karl Popper or the Situationists were, to play the Monkees, the Jam, and the Bluenotes in the same programme. While Evens plays with fame, Radcliffs sidesteps it. Celebrity and hyper-reality are Evans's playground Radcliffe ploughs his own fur-row. Though both are plain-speakers, putting the cultish Radcliffe in Evans's slot would be like drinking brendy for breakfast — something you'd only want to do once. In fact, Radio 1 controller Matthew farmister has tried before to transfer one slot's success to

leasthan encouraging. The
words Danny Baker must still be
ringing in his ears.
Meanwhile Radio 4, ever sensitive to the dilemmas of middleclass family life, has pounced on a recent one for its new comedy drama series, Bosmerang, Om her 50th hirthday, teacher Anne and her husband are full of plans about early retirement, a Grand Tour, and afternoon sex. Grand Tour, and afternoon, sex, but an early attempt to include in the latter is disturbed when their 26-year-old son returns theme—to live. There's something deeply irritating about this couple (whose idea of fun is tidying up faeir caravan), though no doubt the stay-athone son mobilem will resonate.

home son problem will resonant with the audience. But episode one smost irritating feature was the use of music to denote a change of scene or time, some-thing I've noticed in the last three Radio 4 drama serials I've heard. It's the kind of cumbersome, anchoring device which went out with Mrs Dale's Diary.

### The hype

ILLBOARDS, the Joffrey's international blockbuster of a hellet, may well go down in history as the biggest money spinner in the dance repertoire — having sarned \$10 million in its first war, it needs in a provided as the year it may also be recorded as the extraordinary present Prince gave to the ballet world. And it will certainly go down in history as one of the worst dances ever made.

The story goes that in 1992 the small, struggling Joffrey Ballet were staring at bankruptcy. They had some fine dancers and an even finer repertoire, but they were finding it very hard to sell themselves. The same year, Prince saw the company performing and got so excited that he offered them some music to dance to — not just a couple of numbers but nearly two hours worth of his greatest hits. Billboards was choreographed, and Jos-frey hit the commercial jackpot.

There's no question that some kind of huge fabulous ballet could be created out of Prince's music. A ballet that kicked high off its energy that fed off its faminey and

mouthed sexiness, its raucous colours and its fun. A ballet that took on the phenomenon of Prince and made us hear things in his music that we didn't know were there. But it would have taken a good choreographer to do this, and Gerald Arpino, the Joffrey's cur-rent artistic director, unfortunately didn't have either the wit or maybe the money to commission one. Instead he chose four not very good choreographers to make one sec-tion or "dance billboard" each.

United only by a common desper tion to be as poppily accessible as possible, they came up with a medley of dances that eagerly declare their own funkiness without having anything at all to say about lencing or Prince

Laura Dean's opening number starts promisingly in a low-lasy kind of way as she sends 18 dancers tracking back and forth across the stage, stepping and turning in repeating loops to the lazy rhythms. of Sometimes It Snows In April. The effect has something of the trancelike calm of Petipa's Shades Act, Bayadère for the 1990s. But when Prince swings into the louder,

aleaze, that echoed its loud- raunchier mode of Trust, Dean tries to rev up her own dance, to embarrassing effect. Slow glides explode into high kicks, split jumps and some old fashioned boogying, but these are all danced with Dean's trademark serene pulse, lacking any of the hard syncopation of the music. It all looks hopelessly polities and the cast are left looking like a bunch of Sunday school teacher trying to let their hair down.

Charles Moulinn tries feelily for something dirtier in Thunder, where the dancers are bizarrely dressed by Charles Atlas to suggest. Ronald MacDonald on drugs. Men in green wigs and stripy tights wander around with their groins thrusting idly and ineffectually at any woman who passes them. The women themselves, in trousers that bare their burns, skip nattily out of the way, led by a high stepping virago who keeps everyone in line by brandishing a carpet beater. Kinky comedy surrealist erotica. jolly larks? It's probably best not to know what was going through Moulton's mind when he made it, and best too to draw a veil over his other effort, Purple Rain. This stre-nously anguished solo comes

across as bombastic trumpery of clichés, and the only thing that makes it watchable is the dark drenched gaze and expressive con-trol of Bestriz Rodriguez, who's unlucky enough to dance it. The final moments are impossible to look at, though, when Moulton has Rodriguez lying in a jibbering heap for minutes on end — a fine dencer ground under the heel of appalling choreography Rodriguez has more fun in Margo Sappington's Slide (Bill-

board number three) which is choreographed in a sub-William Forsythe mode of rampant narcissim and acrobatic distortion. Derivative though it may be, it's probably the most consistent of all the sections and the most sure of itself. Yet, oddly, it's the last section, Peter Pucci's Willing and Able — the thinnest and tacklest of them all — that comes closest to Prince's spirit. Though whole passages are squandered on second hand, badly danced jazz routines, it does get briefly convincingly sleazy Mia Wilkins, the female lead, dances like a natural tramp on brittle strutting legs, her torso rippling and swaying with a boneless, drunken

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS sensuality, while her partner Pierre Lockett can certainly flaunt his stuff as shamelessly as the man this ballet is meant to be about. The point where he falls to his knees in front of Wilkins, sliding his face down to her groin while all the time eyeing the audience with a smoul-dering come-on, is one of only two moments when we get a frisson. The other is when Wilkins, with delicate ruthlessness, slides her

shoe into his open mouth. Nothing, however, distracts us from the fact that Billboards is an astonishingly inept ballet, and Wednesday night's audience cer-tainly responded pretty coolly. There was nothing like the noise that erupted several years ago at the opening of Christopher Bruce's Rooster for London City Dance Theatre — and that was a much more serious work — not only mak-ing sexy, infectious dance to early Rolling Stones but also making tender mockery of the lyrics' strutting

machismo. Watching Billboards you feel that Joffrey's dancers have been prosti-tuted to this commercial monster, and for three years they've danced little else. Some dancers have left in protest, many that remain look in poor technical shape. Even when Rillhoards has run its cours company may have trouble returning to the work they care about, because everyone will be wanting Billboards II. If The Jostrey don't tread carefully they may find they have paid for survival with their heart and their soul.

Convertieer: On 26 August 1996, Hillary Strong, Director of the Festival Fringe, was quoted in the Guardian as saying, "You need to remove any evidence of the bare bottom and also the sequence where the boy is fonding his crotch," We have been peried to point out that the Descriptors Settlement Settlement settlement was the Prominent Features show in Edinburgh was not censored by Ma Strong in any way. Any impression given that she or the Edinburgh Feativel Fringe Society endeavours to cansor Fringe shows is regretted.

Andrew Clements hails Four Saints In Three Acts at the Edinburgh Playhouse

### Give the man a halo

### The triumph

IRGIL Thomson, compo and vitriolic critic, died in 1369 at the age of 93. He had combined his two trades for most of his life, but he is best remembered his life, but he is best remembered now for his writing, witty and often cruelly partisan; the most enduring of his music was his early work, composed in Paris between 1925 and 1940, and the most famous of those pieces was his first collaboration with Gertrude Stein, the opera Four Saints In Three Acts.
Houston Grand Opera marked Thomson's centenary earlier this year with a new production of Four Saints, and now brings it to Edinburgh for four performances. Director, designer and general moving spirit behind this remarkable show is Robert Wilson, who cherished fire idea of staging the piece for almost 30 years before Houston finally gave him the right opportunity

It is a perfect vehicle for Wilson's stage magic — an opera with no narrative thread, almost no plot, and a structure that subverts the whole notion of dramatic form: lespite the title there are four acts, despite the title there are four acts, elided and overlapped, with scenes sometimes reduced to a single line or repeated and re-ordered. And Thomson's score, wry and unportentous, with Erik Satie as its guardian angel, catches the tone of Stein's text perfectly.

Wilson's production discards most of the avent staring informa-

most of the scent staging informa-tion the libretto provides to create a dramatic world that counterpoints Stein's and Thomson's perfectly. Each character — not only the four saints of the title, but also the other 15 saints and the compere and commere who comment on and attempt to articulate the "action" — is given his or her own exquisitely drawn and coloured image out of some Onlike fantssy world, their movements mapped in slow-motion



Shaep might fly . . . Robert Wilson's stunning setting for the opera

choreography, while dream-like symbols weave around them. It is beguiling entrancingly lit and often very witty, if Wilson's treat-ments of mainstream operas in the past have often seemed achingly laboured and pofaced, Four Saints appears to have allowed him to elax and enjoy himself.

That enjoyment certainly gives the Houston performance a real

sense of enthusiasm. It's impossi-ble to imagine Four Saints better. more convincingly presented than it is here; the leading performers—Ashley Putnam, Sanford Sylvan, Gran Wilson, Marietta Simpson and Wilbur Pauley — sing their lines stylishly and meaningfully, as Stein's litany of non sequiturs was as potent as a libretto by Da Ponte or Boito; the chorus move with

well-ofled elegance, and the orches-tral playing (the Royal Scottish National Orchestra) under Richard Bado is crisp and attentive. It may not be an opera anyone needs to experience more than once, but Wilson's exceptional visual imagination casts a spell which lasts at least for the 90-minute duration of

this show. There are two final performances today.

**Derek Malcolm** in Venice catches the world premiere of Barry Levinson's Sleepers

## **Bad Boys Inc**

### The row

THE opening night's celebra-tions at Venice swung along via the presentation of a Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement to Dustin Hoffman to the world premiere of Barry Levin-son's Sleepers, in which Hoffman appears with Robert De Niro for the first thou

good form, playing what is virtually a cameo role of a drunken lawyer engaged to defend two young murderers. As in Michael Mann's Heat — where great play was made about De Niro and Al Pacino acting together for the first time — the pair are in the same frame but hardly strike sparks off

The film itself is a rather pouderous 140-minute adaptation of also careful not to overdo things Lorenzo Carcaterra's autobio but certainly brightees up a film

graphic novel about a group of that heavily underlines its points boys from Rell's Kitchen, New Work, who almost kill someone in a stand why some people might find youthful prank, get sent to reform school, where they are tortured and sexually abused, and come out emotionally crippled.

Considering the current child abuse scandals, this is a queasy subject, and already gay groups are scandalised by the idea that homosexuals, represented chiefly in the film by Kevin Bacon as a sadistic warder, are blamed for the boys' catharsis.

De Niro contributes a solid,

rather self-effacing performance as the Catholic priest who is the only person to whom the boys can turn. Hoffman, as the lawyer, is

while never appearing to understand why some people might find

It is fairly certain that Levinson did not intend it to be. His construction of the story is that the boys went wrong by accident and were subject to such a regime in reform school that they come out determined to take revenge on society. This is the sixties, though he suggests that things haven't

changed that much.

At least the film is careful not to show much violence and to suggest rather than dramatise the sexual abuse. But you can't help feeling that his four boys - played

versions of those in Boys' Town, with De Niro cast in the Spencer Tracy role as Father Bobby from

the Church of Holy Angels.
The playing of the boys is espe cially good, and is not often matched by such as Brad Pitt and Jason Patrick as the two who escape their sad environment. And the social point is liberal and well taken by Levinson. But the raping of the boys in prison should have been thought about more, since it is done by guards who have access to the outer world, not by sex-starved immates. Do we really still believe that homosexuals are predatory perverts endangering our children? That may be what many people will as youngsters by Joe Perrini, Brad Renfro, Geoffrey Wigdor and Jonathan Tucker — are latterday the murderers what they are. take away from the film, not the fact that social conditions have made

## What the critics said In words the sale

Motor racing

## Williams leave Hill in suspense

Alan Henry

AMON HILL's world hampionship prospects were clouded in doubt yesterday Williams Renault team had already signed the Ger-man driver Heinz-Harald Frentzen to replace him for

If these rumours are contime the Williams team have lost the services of their No. 1 driver in contentious

In 1992, Nigel Mansell fell out with the management over the terms of a new contract after winning the world championship. A year later, Alain Prost retired because he rightly judged that Wil-liams were about to sign Ayrfor 1994 against his will.

Hill's lawyer Michael Breen firmly declined to comment on the situation, but the team | liams to recruit Frentzen owner Frank Williams responded: "I can't make any comment as driver negotiawill make an announcement driver, while undoubtedly tal-of our 1997 driver line-up in ented, has struggled with an

Williams first approached Frentzen in 1994 as a possible replacement for Senna, but the German felt that he could not leave the Sauber team just after his team-mate Karl Wendlinger had been badly injured in a practice accident at the Monaco grand prix.
It is believed that Hill already suspects that he has been effectively ditched by the team and that Frentzen has had a Williams contrac

in place for several months. Negotiations to find Hill place with the Silverstone based Jordan-Peugeot square have been under way some days, and there has also been contact with the McLaren-Mercedes team. Nevertheless, such news

will come as a major blow to

to defend a 13-point world championship lead from his team-mate Jacques Ville neuve in next Sunday's Italian grand prix at Monza. makes little obvious sense Hill has won 20 grands prix during his time with Wil-liams, while the German

### **Edwards** joins the gold set with Fredericks

hmeen Mackey in Berlin

HE Olympic silver medallist Jonathan Edwards put a golden shine on his season when he claimed a share of the 20kg gold bars valued at £200,000 in the ISTAF's 96 meeting with victory in the rather than running through triple jump in the Olympia it as he stopped the clock at stadion here last night. 19.97sec with the American Michael Johnson, meanwhile. had the tables turned on him first appearance over 200 metres since setting the world

record at the Olympics. The Briton has had so ments last year brought that sometimes it has been rather like Wellington in The Perishers: he has his own rain cloud. So this was a shaft of light finding a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with his fourth victory over the Olympic champion Kenny

Harrison since Atlanta. Spurred on since then by the thought of claiming a proportion of the gold bars awarded to the winners of all four of the specially selected events in this Golden Four series. Edwards has had a target to aim for while Harrison boosting his bank balance via the lucrative appearance fee

The American led briefly in the third round before the Gateshead Harrier leapt out of the competition. He was be hind again when the Cuban Yoelvis Quesada jumped 17.44 in the fifth round, only for Edwards to respond immedi-ately with 17,69. He raised his arms in triumph and upper cut the night air, for he knew that was enough to clinch his 29th consecutive non-Olympic over the winter, however sat-isfying it is checking the to lose his grip on the bars.

price of the gold market in the Financial Times each morning.
Fredericks was the first to

claim one of the valuable prizes. The Namibian flier had so much in hand over Johnson he was able to celebrate in style by throwing his arms in the air on the line 0.05sec down in second Fredericks clinched his vic-

tory with a powerful surge off the bend over a field which had cost the organisers £131,000 to assemble and also included the Olympic bronze much trouble dealing with medallist Ato Boldon of the pressure that his achieve Trinidad.

The great Owens would surely have approved of such quality sprinting because, on a night when 22 Olympic champions gathered to compete for the biggest prizes in athletics, the great American. forced to race against dogs and horses to make ends mee after he made sporting history here 60 years ago, was honoured by millionaire ath-

letes from another world. Six decades after Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics, destroying Adolf Hitler's hopes of a showcase for his notion of Aryan supremacy, Olympic 100m champions past and present, including Britain's Allan Wells and Linford Christie, travelled here to pay

tribute. The value of Fredericks's deposit began to depreciate almost immediately. The home favourite Lars Riedel threw 70.60m to win the discus and Wilson Kipketer, the Kenyan turned Dane, clinched the award in the 800m with an easy victory in 1min 43.34sec. It was too much for the tired Olympic 400m hurdles champion Derrick Adkins, victory. That is a statistic however, who was beaten into sure to nag away at Edwards third by his fellow country.

### Rugby League

### Bold Broncos on the move

Paul Fitzpatrick

ONDON BRONCOS are but London have given them two very hard games in a seawest London venue, possibly thous and they were unlucky ONDON BRONCOS are west London venue, possibly Brentford, and their following will grow significantly if they can beat St Helens at Knows-

ley Road tomorrow.

Martin Offiah would love to reach the Premiership finals with them at Old Trafford next Sunday. He has played in eight such finals, four for Widnes and four for Wigan, and been on the losing side coach Brian Smith a rousing send-off before he returns to Australia. only twice. The high-scoring winger might make it, too.

Saints, the Challenge Cup holders and Super League champions, are the favourities not to win at Knowsley Road. Wigan play Bradford Bulls in the first semi-final at Central Park tonight and the Premiership offers them a last chance of silverware The Bulls, who beat Wigan in the league, have not been quite so impressive of late but will be determined to give their

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## Angry Montgomerie lends his support to deserters

OLIN Montgomerie, European No. 1 these ast three years, was not a happy man last night. Having finished bogey. bogey, bogey for a third round 77 in the One 2 One British Masters, he said, carefully weighing every word: "We will be very grateful when Saturday afternoon arrives and we can all get out of here. In fact we'll be thrilled."

That was the ultimate in-dictment of a Collingtree Park course that is in a disgraceful condition and would have the customers of a municipal demanding their money back. Montgomerie admitted that were it not for professional pride he would have joined the dozen who deserted on Thursday, and he made a detour during his round to confront the tournament director, Mike Stewart. He had hit his drive to the 10th, having gone to the turn

nament office to speak to the man he feels is responsible for their playing this course this week. Both men would only confirm that the conver-sation had been about the obvious from the body lan-guage that hard words had

been. The e are teetb-grinding, head-shaking, mind-boggling, soul-searing greens; mostly a mud-mixture but with intermittent stretches of grass that cannot be cut to a proper length for fear that it will be lost too. Never have so many missed so many from so

The greens are unreadable; putts break right and left at will; and at times it is as if someone has put cellophane over the hole. The remarkable thing is not that 12 com-petitors departed during the second round but that 71 turned up to play the third.
If anything will cause Montin 39, three over, when he

gomerie to heed the advice of came through failing to carry his Ryder Cup partner Nick the greenside lake — means Faldo and spend more time in the United States it is experi-Robert Allenby, who is atences such as this. This tournament is the start of the Ryder Cup points-gathering season and it has been reduced to the level of luck. Nor is next week likely to be better. The European Masters is a rich event played on a Sierre in Switzerland, But I is not what the Ryder Cup captain, Severiano Balles-

teros, called for when he

asked for demanding, quality

"I feel very, very disap-pointed for the spectators," added Montgomerie. "They are local club members and the courses round here are all in good condition. In fact August in England is when courses should be at their best. It is a shame. This is a showpiece tournament with Robert Allenby, who is at-tempting to win his third event of the year after the English and French Opens.

Allenby has displayed remarkable phlegm in the face of these trying conditions which, perhaps, stems from his Leeds-born parents. He insists that it is not worth getthat are the same for everyone, adding that there was a lot of whingeing going on. He and the Spaniard Pedro

Linhart are the only players under par but the leader of the Volvo ranking, Ian Woosnam, birdied the last two holes to be only one over and said: "I think that's given me

a bit of a chance." Tiger Woods marked his professional debut with a four-under-par 67 in the first round of the Greater Milwauhis six at the par five 18th the orestant winds with the second set when he again broke Henman's serve which,

## **Fussy Flach** no problem for Henman

Stephen Bierley at Flushing Mean

threatens to batter the eastern seaboard of the United States this weekend. Hurricane Hen man may not cause quite so much damage but yesterday morning the British No. 1 blew up his own little storm here to reach the third round of the US Open for the first

stormy weather swinging in from the Atlantic. The mornblue although the trees around court 16, the largest of the outside courts, are begin ning to take on autumnal

tremely hot. Herman had practised around 9.30am and when the match began, just after 11am, he looked relaxed and confident — much more so than the fidgety Doug Flach. The American caused the

great upset of Wimbledon's first week this year with his win over Andre Agassi. For this reason alone he was given a wild-card entry here. Helicopters intermittently flew low overbead while the sudden violent wail of an ambulance added to the sort of noise that exists only at this

erve with a touch of difficulty but then immediately broke Flach. The American is ranked 120 places below Hen-man, now 38th in the world and rising and is a similar player to the Brazilian Roberto Jabali, whom the Briton beat in the first round.

Flach is precisely the sori of opponent Henman should be eating for breakfast these days; it was a little nearer to lunchtime yesterday but he swallowed him whole, win-

ning 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
There were, inevitably, moments of uncertainty, moments when the crowd began to whoop and holler. This happened in the third game of the first set when Flach broke back, but the American was never able to get any sort of

and went on to take the first set 6-3. Flach's hopes of recovery were immediately his serve at the start of the second set.

One of the most noticeable aspects of Henman's game now is the severity of his serve. He consistently thrashed the ball down at more than 120mph, thereby applying even greater pressure on the increasingly trou-bled Flach.

for all its added speed, remains more erratic than he would wish for.

Flach then served to love and a small suspicion grew that Henman might be in for a fight. His determination, however, was immediately obvi-ous. The jaw became a touch more rigid, his eyes narrowed and his ground shots acquired a complete authority.

On two or three occasions after he had played a particularly decisive return Henman around the back of the court. It was like watching Ted Dexsimilar little perambulation before thwacking the ball to

The American's serve wavered again and at 15-10 Henman clipped home the sweetest of backhand crosscourt volleys for a 5-4 lead. The second set was his in just over the hour and the third

was a formality.

These Flushing Meadow hard courts are not everybody's cup of coffee but they suit Benman perfectly. "I fee equally happy serving and volleying or staying back on the baseline. I know now that my service is becoming a big points I can win the better." he said afterwards, sitting quietly in a small room in the bowels of the main stadium.

"I had one or two small hicthe draw I knew I should be the one to reach the third round." Last year was Henman's first visit here and he was knocked out in the second round by the American Jared Palmer. "I was just trying to establish myself then, but now I feel I've done

This is certainly true. Hen-man's quarter-final at Wimtials in front of the great British public. But Henman here. This he has done



#### Sport in brief

Cycling

Soccer

Britain's team pursuit quar-tet of Jonny Clay, Matt Illing worth, Simon Lillistone and Bryan Steel went out to Germany in the quarter-finals at the World Cycling Championships in Manchester yester day but broke the British record with their time of 4min 12.589sec for 4,000 metres, writes Barry Andrew.

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### Sailing

Andy and Ian Budgen scored a first, a third and a 14th on the final day of the Laser 5000 National Championship and at the same time kept a wary eye on their closest rivals, Tracey Covell and Steve Mitchell, to win the event at Hayling Island by an 18-point margin, urites Bob Fisher. Their victory also clinched the Audi Euro Cup in which they overtook Chris Burrough and David McNamara.

### Ice Hockey

began, the new season see: Ayr's Centrum Arena finally open with a 2.733 self-out crowd assured for the Ayr Scottish Eagles' home game tomorrow, against Telford in

Weekend fixtures A decade after construction

the Benson and Hedges Cup, writes Vic Batchelder. The B&H Cup qualifying round precedes the new professional Superleague beginning on September 21. The cup final is in Sheffield on December 7.

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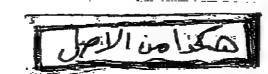
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## Angus-G looks all set to boost big race claims

EIGHTS for the Cambridgeshire Handicap were published earlier this week and one of the most tempting propositions off 7st 7lb puts his credentials on the line at Sandown this

Ron Cox

Angus-G, who can be backed at 25-1 for the first leg of the Autumn Double, will not be that price for long if, as expected, he maintains his recent progress in the William Hill Handicap. Victory here would not incur a penalty for the Cambridgeshire.

Trained by Mary Reveley, who enjoyed such a fine run in the big Newmarket handicap with Mellottie, Angus-G has won his last two races over the July Course.
On neither occasion wa the winning margin great, which means Angus-G remains on a favourable

remains on a ravourable handicap mark — just 81b higher than when he accounted for Edan Heights last time. The latter is only 11b better off today and Angus-G seemed to win with something in hand. Sharpical, from the in-form Sir Mark Prescott yard, could

also enter Cambridgeshire calculations with a bold bid here, but Angus-G (4.15) is preferred.
At Chester, highlight is the

At Chester, highlight is the Chester Rated Stakes Handicap in which Prussian Blue (3.30) has to be on the shortlist following his creditable eighth behind Clerkenwell in the Ebor.

Desert Frolic and Snow Princess were down the field.

Princess were down the field in the highly competitive York handicap, but Snow Princess should put up an im-proved performance on today's easier ground. Conditions will be testing at Ripon, which should suit Marchant Ming (3.15) judging by his soft ground hurdles

eason, but jumping could be the making of him.

Prescott and George Duffield took their Pattern race haul to three within eight days when Brave Act lived up to his name in the Solario



Snow Princess, unplaced in the Ebor Handicap at York, will appreciate the easier underfoot conditions at Chester today

by a short head. "It's been some sort of week," remarked Prescott, who won the race in wins in the spring. He was none too genuine last Flat 1991 with Chicmond.

"What we have achieved in the last eight days normally takes nine years' work.
George is a wonderful jockey
in a close finish. If you
ropped him down with any Stakes at Sandown yesterday.

Duffleld set out to make all the running on Brave Act who answered his rider's every call to beat Falkenham hand."

Not such a good day for Warren O'Connor, who was given a six-day ban (Sept 9-14) given a six-day ban (Sept 9-14)
after getting caught napping
on My Best Valentine in the
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Handicap at Chester.
My Best Valentine, a 14-1
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at his mercy until O'Connor dropped his hands close home, enabling Jason Tate onConcer Un to pip him on

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The connections of My Best Valentine accepted the surprise reverse philosophically. "He rode a lovely race but just dropped his hands too soon," said Irene Clifford, one of the syndicate owners.

• Mick Channon, who sad-

dled Flying Squaw to win the Group Two Moet & Chandon Remnen at Baden-Baden last year, followed up yesterday with Muchea, who started 5-4 on and won by a length and a half from Omaha City.

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### **SOCCER: World Cup qualifying competition**

David Lacey says Glenn Hoddle's England must show their Group Two rivals that what happened in Euro 96 was no caprice

## **Method in Batty thoughts**

#### Moldova v England

used to being rolled over. For piggy-in-the-Suleiman the Magnificent and Peter the Great dropped in from time to time. Thus the Moldovans are unlikely to be overawed at the prospect of a visit from David Batty.

Yet Batty's presence in the England team Glenn Hoddle fields in Kishinev tomorrow as he begins his attempt to qualify for the 1998 World Cup would be the point at which pragmatism took over from the slightly misplaced euphoria of Euro 96. As Alan Shearer said this week: "We did well but we didn't win

anything."
All the signs are that, if Batty is sufficiently recovered from a sprained ankle, he will be recalled to the midfield for the first time since he distinguished his final appearance under Terry Vena-bles by launching a one-man commando raid on Juminho Batty's strength as a ball-win-

when England met Brazil in ner to Paul Ince's role as an-last year's Umbro Cup. chorman. Not that Ince's role when England met press in last year's Umbro Cup. Hoddle has several times pointed up the difference be-tween playing European Championship matches at Wembley in front of a large home crowd and slogging it out for World Cup points in a Balkan backwater. The presented of Batter world. ence of Batty would personify

"We'll be up against a new country with a passionate following," said Hoddle. 'T'll be happy with three points. If these come with a big victory fair enough, but the only way

to qualify is to get points.
"We all want to get off to a
good start and, with Italy playing Moldova in a month's time it would be nice to get a psy chological advantage and put pressure on other people. If we don't get the right result we'll put pressure on ourselves."
As England coach Hoddle

than cautious. But in his rela tively brief career as a club manager at Swindon and Chelsea he tended to pack his midfield for awkward away hind the ball and hoping to

## England captain

Shearer the new

A LAN SHEARER will ample of Graham Taylor, lead England's cam- who gave the arm-band to paign to qualify for the 1998 World Cup, writes David Lacey. The 26-year-old Newcastle United striker was named captain by Glenn Hoddle yesterday as the players flew out to Kishinev for tomorrow's game against Moldova.

Hoddle said he chose Shearer ahead of Stuart Pearce, who has captained England before and is the most experienced interna-tional player in the present squad, and Gareth Southgate, regarded by some as a captain-in-waiting, because on and off the pitch Alan knows how to conduct

"I spoke to three or four people in the squad as well place in the England side don't capitalise on what hap-as discussing the matter when he is fit. with Ray Harford, Alan's manager at Blackburn, before I made the decision." Hoddle explained. "Alan was up for the job. He is the sort of player who will earn the respect of referees. He is also the kind of person to whom the younger players can turn if they have a

In choosing a central striker as England captain Hoddle is following the ex-

San Marino

AS BANANA skins go. Wales' World Cup quali-

fier against the part-timers of San Marino in Cardiff this

afternoon is pretty skid-proof. Bobby Gould's team thrashed San Marino 5-0 in

their opening tie in June and

an equally professional job is

expected today.
This match, however,

serves a greater purpose for Gould in providing a warm-up for Wales' next qualifier.

the crucial game at home to Holland. That will be a true

made under Gould's year-long

Gould is trying to build a

team spirit great enough to make up for the lack of top-level skill throughout the

team. It has meant making

things look promising. He has tackled the stars and

shown loyalty to the lesser lights. Mark Hughes is now

playing with renewed zest after an earlier run-in with

the manager while Ian Rush has been all but discarded.

Wales' greatest goal-scorer was upset not to be guaran-

teed a starting place today and promptly declined an in-vitation to join the squad. Rush missed the June game

as he was moving clubs and Gould decided to stick to a winning side for today.

Gary Speed is also unable to recapture his place despite

playing better than ever since his £3.5 million move to Ever-

ton. He missed the San Ma-

rino trip because he was on

"Tve said to him, if he gets

the opportunity tomorrow he's got to go out there and

Wales v

who gave the arm-band to Gary Lineker after taking over the squad from Bobby Robson in 1990.

"I won't change," said Shearer. "Obviously I'm delighted but there will have to be 11 captains out there I don't think it will affect my goalscoring but, if ing goals than keeping clean something needs changing sheets. They may well score something needs changing on the field, then I'll

Clearly Hoddle sees Shearer as England captain for more than just tomor row's game. Tony Adams, who led England in Euro 96, has missed the start of the season after another longer sure of regaining his

Hoddle lost Teddy Sheringham yesterday with a muscle strain which means fresh partner tomorrow. It could be Nick Barmby, who covered well for Sheringham when England beat China 3–0 in Beijing shortly before the European Championship, but under Hoddle it could be Matthew Le Tissier who returns to the England side.

team, the muscular West Ham centre-forward was simply

tional manager Bryan Hamil-ton heard the draw for the

next World Cup in Paris in

'I don't know whether to

laugh or cry." He then paused briefly before adding: "Hav-

ing thought about it, I think

I'll cry."

Hamilton and Dowle know

it is not easy being a Euro-pean minnow and both their

statements are understand-able when one looks at Group

Nine; with Germany and Po

tugal in their group. North-

ern Ireland's chances of

The one consolation for Hamilton is that, even with

an improving team, public ex-

pectation is not demanding.

ember, his reaction was

under the new England man Hoddle may want him to

However, this would remove Ince's attacking drive from midfield and with it one of the mainsprings of England's counter-attacks. Better surely, to play Gareth South-gate. Gary Pallister and the in-form Soi Campbell at the back and leave Ince where he is to provide, with Batty, the bound to need.

recovered from his Achilles tendon injury to resume attacking duties with Shearer and whoever replaces the inwill be surprising if Kishinev sees a major departure from England's attacking patterns in Euro 96, though Steve McManaman's capacity for creating space by taking the ball past opponents will be

Gary Neville and Stuart Pearce are the most likely choices as wing-backs although there must be a doubt whether Pearce still has the pace for this role. An alternatingham Forest man as one of the back three, bringing in Andy Hinchcliffe on the left.
Would Hoddle be prepared
to risk giving the Everton nan such a rough baptism?

sion of being a gambler. Anything other than an England win in Kishinev tomorrow will be a disappointment. Moldova are not mugs, Testimitanu would worry any opposition and, yes, Wales lost 3-2 in Kishinev in an early Euro 96 qualifier. Against that Albania beat Moldova twice and Germany and Bulgaria each won 3-0 there with little difficulty.

England should score more. It is important, however that the principal gains England made under Venables the improved passing, the ability to defend from the front and the stronger tactical knee operation and David discipline — are retained. As Platt is also unfit and no Hoddle said: "We're going down the wrong road if we

"The players are in a posi tive mood and the quality is exciting. In practice this week that Shearer will have a Ive seen the right ball hit nine times out of 10. At club level you might get it four or five times out of 10."

If Hoddle's instincts are right England will show their other Group Two rivals Italy, Poland and Georgia — that what happened in Euro 96 was no caprice. But qualifying will be a slog all the same.

once more, against Latvia for instance, it would have taken

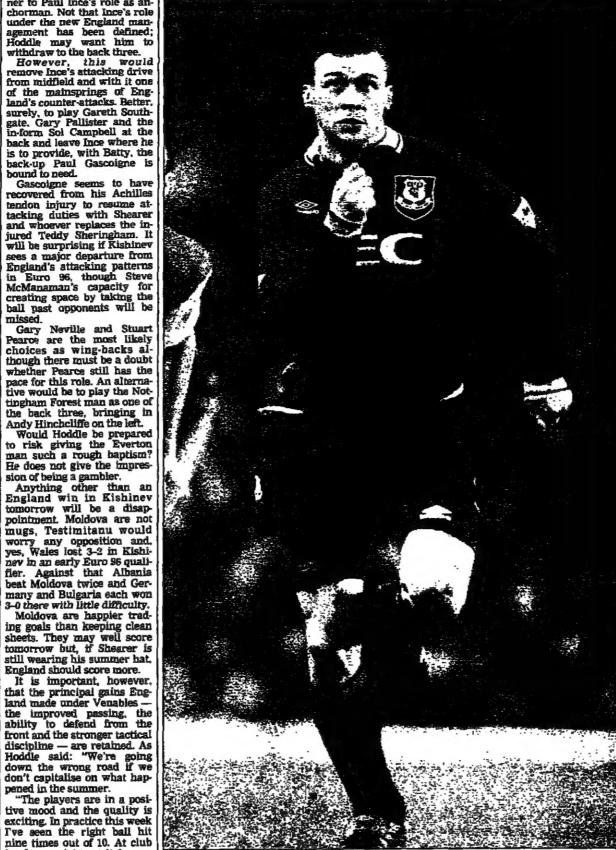
but it will be difficult against

sleeping giant category. Even without players of the quality

of Victor Onopko and Andrei

Northern Ireland v Ukraine

WHEN Is in Dowie de-clared this week that "life could be easier" for Northern Ireland's football ers and, had they achieved it



Renaissance man . . . Ferguson is set to lead Scotland's line in Vienna

Patrick Glenn on the strong, silent striker ready to serve Scotland

## Ferguson keeping his Arsenal chase head for the action

### Austria v Scotland

centre-forward was simply reiterating a sentiment his country's supporters have felt can happen but we must win our home games," said Hamyear's probation for A start can be made this afternoon at Windsor Park his part in a fracas in a - his third conviction at the time - Alex Smith, the former Aberdeen manager Ukraine, who fall into the rho is also a publican in Stirling, spotted the striker tearing flowers out of a carefully Kanchelskis, who opted to play for Russia, the Ukrainiecorated roadside display. Smith stopped his car. ans were the only team to beat Croatia on their way to "Hey, you, get in here," he shouted. Ferguson had been drinking and was exorcising his rage. "Look," Smith told him in his fatherly way. "if

England.
They were also one up in Italy before Fabrizio Ravanelli struck twice. Kalitvintsev you want to have a drink, you come to my place. You'll be looked after and you don't have to get involved in any of reaching the finals once again ets, are the principle dangers look slim. this nonsense. You've got too much talent to be going problem is finding a replacement for the centre-half Barry Hunter, who has withdrawn around wasting it."
Ferguson's ongoing rehabilitation in an Everton shirt His spot may be filled by Manchester United's 22-year-old has continued in style this Michael Walker season, two goals at Old Traf-ford in the 2-2 draw with Manchester United being the

### They realise Northern Ire-land's Fifa ranking is 63, though what would be appre-Liechtenstein v Rep of Ire

ICK McCARTHY in-Myests in youngsters today as the Republic of Ireland open their World Cup campaign against Liechtenstein in Vaduz with only four survivors from the team embarrassed by a 0-0 draw in this Alpine

venue 14 months ago.

McCarthy has left out
Phil Babb and Jeff Kenna
as the manager calls for the
victory that eluded the honeymoon. Today he is on Gould said: "I had to have a word with him today because I've seen the disappointment in the last 24 hours. He's told Irish last time. That stale-mate ultimately cost them a me he's a better player than some of the other members in place in Euro 96.

Instead McCarthy sends out four younger players who went on the American tour this summer — Leeds' lan Harte, 19 today, a pair of 20-year-olds in Norwich's striker Keith O'Neill and Blackburn's reserve goalkeeper Shay Given, and the Birmingham de-Martin Thorpe fender Gary Breen, 22.

most outward sign of it.
Tonight in Vienna he will
probably get the chance to
continue the process in a This is no gamble, insists McCarthy, with the pros-pects of qualifying from Group Eight. He says: "The Scotland jersey.
Ferguson has achieved quasi-Messianic status after youngsters are ready . . . the rebuilding work can't wait only five appearances for his country, despite the fact that he failed to score in any of any longer

McCarthy inherited an ageing squad when he took over from Jack Charlton in March. But the need for experience is acknowledged by the manager with the captain Townsend and Houghton still providing on-field guidance. Both midfielders missed

the embarrassment against the part-timers last year. Only Irwin, Staunton, Quinn and McAteer survive from then. REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: Given (Blackburn); Irwin (Man U). Breen (Birmingham). Stanatos (A Villa). MoAsser (Lverpos), Houghton (Crystal P). Townsand (A Villa). MoLoughila (Pottsmouth). Marte (Leeds). Gaing (Sunderland, Ortell (Narwich).

FRW goalkeeping career are remembered for a single outstanding save and this one even flummoxed the leading television commentator of the day. A local product bearing echoes of a had slogged through 12 years of wear and tear be-fore his moment came.

His knack of doing the unex-ected even extended to an at-

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he was blackballed, something | Glasgow almost unheard-of for the son | drink-dri of a lodge member. And with his refusal to talk to the media the Everton striker has unwit-tingly turned himself into an

"Yes. Duncan will have to do his talking on the field, I'm afraid," said the almost apolo-getic Scotland manager Craig Brown to the assembled company here in the Austrian

capital.
"I told him it would do even if he just came along and said something simple like he was something simple like he was delighted to be back and looking forward to doing his best. But he wouldn't have it. I must say he was not at all belligerent about it, in fact al-

most apologetic.

"He obviously just isn't ready to go public yet," added Brown. "I can't force him to do something he doesn't want to. In fact, it's my job to see that he and all the other players are comfortable and happy with us, ready to do their work. Joe Royle and Willie Donachie at Everton asked me to try and protect him from media hassle but he's pretty good at it himself. "I'm excited about seeing him in action. Austria have a

big defender at the back but he won't relish the challenge of trying to handle Duncan." Ferguson's reluctance to face media inquisitors, or even pose with team-mates for photographers, stems from his notorious past. With four convictions for assault the last, for an on-the-pitch incident, was rewarded with a three-month jail sentence

tempt to join the Freemasons. Because of his criminal record Then he denied the game's hottest shot a goal and one of Wembley's hotter favourities a final triumph. Sainthood followed in two

> fore returning home. Last week: Martin O'Netll (Nottingham Forest, Norwich City, Manchester City, Norwich City, Notts County.

places and he wandered briefly among the trees be-

drink-driving, Ferguson has long since perceived journalists as his personal demons. In fact it has been his singular capacity for finding con-

troversy, as unerringly as a heat-seeking missile, which has nourished news editors, Among his indiscretions were the head-butting of an off-duty policeman at a Stirling taxi-rank and an assault on a man at the same location.

Yet there is widespread optimism that he could be the man Scotland need to take them safely through a World Cup qualifying group that in-cludes Apstria cludes Austria, Sweden, Belarus, Latvia and Estonia. Ally McCoist, Ferguson's former Rangers club-mate,

will probably partner him in the front line at the Ernst Happel Stadium. McCoist, who will be 34 in a few weeks' time, seems rejuvenated by the prospect.

The big man is obviously fitter than he has been in years after all his injury prob-

lems," said McCoist. "He is a terrific talent, as we've seen in his Premiership matches. 'Tm not going overboard I'm not saying he can be another Dalglish. But he could be another Joe Jordan, with a bit more talent on the ground. Big Joe tended to worry opponents, something we haven't done since he left, and Dunc can do that all right. He has done the work and the running for me in the past, so I don't see why he shouldn't do

it again. He knows the drill." Colin Hendry has a groin strain and is the only fitness strain and is the only fitness doubt but he trained yester-day and will be given a test later today. "I feel happy that I have got through training but we still have to wait and see," he said. "There is stifness there." Derek Whyte of Middlesbrough stands by.

If Ferguson can help the Scots avoid defeat tonight, his imminitions past will be for. ignominious past will be forgottem — for a few hours. \$COTLAND (probable): Geram (Rangers): Burley (Chelses). Hendry (Rackburn). Calderwood (Spars). Reyd

## Hoddle's key player is the hand of fate



David Lacey

Radio's 606 programme last Saturday could wondering why Glenn Hoddle was bothering to begin the task of qualifying for the 1998 World Cup in a faraway place of which most people knew very little. Indeed, what was the purpose of Hoddle being in charge of England at all? Lucidly and logically one

caller carved a verbal swath through the new England set-up. While conceding that Hod-dle had achieved a modicum of success at Swindon, whence the call came, this critic seriously questioned both the new coach's credentials as well as those of his assistants

He pointed out that, far from achieving success as club managers, John Gorma Hoddle's successor at Swindon, Ray Clemence (Barnet), Roy McFarland (Bolton) and Glenn Roeder (Watford) had all been associated with rele-This seemed a little hard on

Clemence who, post-Flashman and post-Fry, had begun to Barnet around. Clemence and McFarland, moreover. won 89 England caps betwee them and even Roeder gained international recognition with five appearances for the B team. But otherwise the argument seemed sound. At least it would have ap

peared so to those who believe that success at club level is an important criterion when choosing someone to run the national team. The Football Association discovered the shallowness of that premise in the mid-Seventies after appointing Don Revie to succeed Alf Ramsey. Under Revie Leeds United

the FA Cup and the League Cup in the space of six years and had also reached the European Cup semi-finals. To the FA he appeared the very model of a modern England nanager but events proved otherwise.

There is practically no cor-

national side, which often comes down to making a right lecision here or a wrong decision there, plus huge strokes of luck, good or bad, at crucial moments. As Hoddle settles into a job which has seen a number of good football men grow prematurely old on the media's pillory, he will be aware of how fine the margin between universal acclaim and

national vilification can be. Bobby Robson is now affectionately remembered as the man who guided England to the World Cup semi-finals in 1990. But had a 30-yard shot from Tarasiewicz in the last minute of the decisive qualifier against Poland in Katowice dipped under the crossbar nstead of hitting it Robson might not have taken England

to Italia '90 at ali. Graham Taylor was turnipised for England's poor showing in the 1992 European Championship but how different might things have been had Stuart Pearce's free-kick crossed the goalline after hitting the French bar in the

T IS an enduring paradox of the England situation that so many hopes and fears are embodied in one man when so much is beyond that man's control. In next to no time Hoddle has experienced two of the job's biggest frustrations — lack of proper preparation time and lack of bodies. While the present crop of

injuries are no doubt genuine, the number of players who have reported unfit for international duty in Moldova has done nothing to allay the cyni-cal view that, if England fall to qualify for the next World Cup, certain managers will be mighty relieved not to be losing their stars between Premiership and European campaigns. How can one think otherwise when a manager openly admits that he would like to pull a fit player out of Hoddle's squad if he could only find a plausible reason

for doing so? In fact, if some of those declared unfit for England tomorrow appear for their surely ought to introduce a rule banning such casualtle: from playing immediately before and after the international fixture concerned. At least this would have spared a clearly below-par Phil Neville an uncomfortable half-hour against Georgios Donis. Blackburn's Greek winger,

## £4m Caniggia

Martin Thorpe

RSENAL are chasing the Argentinian inter-national striker Claudio Caniggia and are under-stood to have lodged a £4 million bid with his club

Bocs Juniora. But, though the 29-year-old veteran of two World Cup campaigns is a class player, he also comes with a reputa tion of a different kind.

He was banned from socce for 13 months after testing positive for cocaine after a Serie A game for Roma and, while on loan to Benfica, was beaten up by home supporters who felt he had not lived up to

Caniggia, a close friend of Diego Maradona, is out of contract at Boca and looking for a move to England, having already been linked with

Leeds United are interested in two members of the Ukraine team who play Northern Ireland today. Viktor Leonenko is a 26-year-old striker and Oleg Luzhnyi a 28-year-old right wing-back. Both with Dynamo Kiev, they are available at around £2 million each Leicester City have signed the Ipswich Town forward

Ian Marshall for £800,000 Second Division Bristol Rovers have been given the go-abead by safety inspectors to play Stockport County at the Memorial Ground today.



Performance of the week: Lars Bohinen (Blackburn Rovers), who mastered Manchester midfield at Old Trafford on

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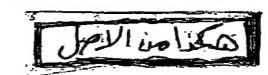
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### Deaf ear turned to Ball change

### Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

RANCIS LEE was perfectly frank this week about where the blame lay for Alan Ball's departure. "It's clear the fans wanted a change," he

But hang on a minute.

Are these not the same fans who nearly 14 months ago warned Lee he was making a mistake by appointing Ball in the first place? For instance Dave Wallace. who was the fans' represen-tative on the board at the time, criticised the impend-ing arrival of Ball in print. In fact the next day he received a telephone call from Lee and a stand-up

During this the chairman inted out that everyone he had spoken to said what a great appointment Ball would be. Funny, said Wallace, but everyone he had spoken to said they were going to send back their season tickets in protest. A number of fans even went to the ground to de-nounce the appointment

So perhaps Lee should be given another chance to say where the blame lies. How about: "Yes, I admit it. I made a huge mistake in signing Alan Ball."

If the way, City fans are finding it hard to understand how Lee, who made his fortune out of toilet paper, could not recognise a bum manager when he saw one.

ND finally on this sub-AND many on the of light an anagram of Francis Lee is Fires Clean

BOBBY GOULD has been many things in his managerial career -- a success, a failure, controver-sial, unemployed. But he his pencil box, as a football

The World Cup qualifier with Sen Marino this afternoon will see the debut of Wales's new kit under a £1 million, four-year deal company Lotto. And Gould designed the third-change

white strip.
A netty number containing red flecks, the Wales manager "sat down with Lotto and designed it with a specific eye on fashion sales. It goes very well with jeans". Where have we heard that before?

But this is no new career for Gould. He takes credit for introducing red into Chelses's blue strip in thelate Seventies and, when manager of West Bromwich Albion, "Lasked if I could

design my own strip.
"They said 'yes'. So I said
I want Melchester Rovers'. I want Melchester Rovers'. So we had the red and yellow stripes with red shorts as the change strip. And we rarely got beaten away me wearing it." Do not put your shirt on his latest offering for Wales

THESE foreigners are gracing the English game with more than their soccer skills. First there was Vialli: "I have, not come to England to be the big star. Here when I want something. I am careful I ask for it with manners."

Then there was Ravanelli after trying to get Jerkan sent off during last week-end's game: "I want to apologise to Nikola and Forest While it is something that is done in Italy, I appreciate that it is not done in England. I'm sorry it happened and it won't happen

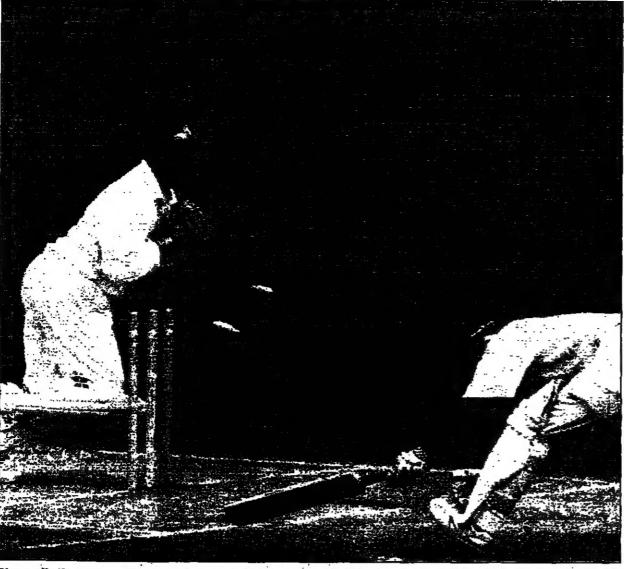
And then there was Le-boeuf when asked how he was settling in at Chelsea: "When you play simply, with humility, you can inte-

grate easily."
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any English players saying grate easily." things like that.

APPARENTLY Newcas- Position at 12 county 1987 At the are embracing this state whether 35, 40, 64, 68, 58, 118, current fad of embrying a share keeps top-class athlete as a fitness 11-0-20-2; Phillips 23-13-40-1; Law coech. They have chosen 11-0-20-2; Phillips 23-13-40-1; Law Steve Smith because unless 13-8-3-1. Steve Smith because unless. the players start performbe in for the high jump (and so is the gag writer with jokes like that).

ATLETICO Madrid, the Spanish champions, will be digging for victory at the home of their rivals

Real tomorrow. When the Spanish League kicks off Atletico will face Celta Vigo at the Bernabeu Stadium. Atletico's newly sown grass at their own VIcente Calderon Stadium has failed to take root after an invasion of worms.



Piper calls the tune . . . Warwickshire's wicketkeeper stumps Shahid at The Oval yesterday

County Championship: Surrey v Warwickshire

## **Second Hollioake** puts down roots

#### David Foot at The Oval

URREY are playing like a team preparing for a final assault on the title. So far they have built a first-innings lead of 234 and Warwickshire, in the absence of their main strike bowler Shaun Pollock, will do well to avoid defeat

In last night's deteriorating light Surrey's batsmen had no wish to depart the crease— or certainly not Chris Lewis. Rather like Oasis's Liam Gallagher, that other controversial figure of the moment, he may have been missing when he was needed; yet now he is ing embraced and is ready to perform again.

When Surrey came back to the pavilion on 429 for seven Lewis was 80 not out. He had gone in at No.7, taken no chances, played some pretty. selective shots — hitting con-trolled sixes off Munton and Altree — and then led the ap-plause, tinged with tangible sympathy, when Ban Hollicake was out four short of a half-century on his first Lewis's agent was under-standably ecstatic; he also

Now he wants to see renewed Test recognition for his enigmatic Surrey client, who on the present evidence is playing and behaving

impeccably.

The acclaim for Hollicake was not misplaced; his seven boundaries and a perfect six off Brown were part of a well composed innings that should be the prelude to a career at least as good as his brother Adam's. Correct and vigilant,

Adam's. Correct and vigilant, he looks the part.
So, in his more modest manner, did Kersey. Promoted in the order because of Brown's bruised thumb, the wickedbaguer relished his ad-Brown's cruised thimb, me wicketkeeper relished his additional role. He is a busy player and seemed certain to top his career-best of 83 beautiful and the seemed certain to top his career-best of 83 beautiful his career-beautiful his career-best of 83 beautiful his career-best of 83 beautiful his career-best of 83 beautiful his career-beautiful his career fore he was taken in the slips.

The bowler was Powell, an optimistic slinger of medium pace who triumphed in what was only his second over in first-class cricket.

By then Shahid had charged Giles; he missed and continued the forward movement in the direction of the pavilion without needing to glance at the umpire.

Botham on his books, so it has been a good second part of ried and good-looking poise he once revealed, though never quite showed enough of, in his Edgbaston days.

Against Warwickshire's persevering and at times non-descript attack, Surrey batted with the proficiency of a side keen to get something to show for the skill and spirit they this summer.

Butcher and Bicknell put on 135 for the first wicket; it was solid, unspectacular and single-minded. Giles, flight-ing rather than spinning, at last trapped Butcher for 70; Bicknell soon followed. caught in the slips, for his 55.

• Mark Ramprakash and Mike Gatting added to Jason Pooley's overnight century to build a daunting second-innings total for Middlesex and take them close to defeating Hampshire at Portsmouth.

Pooley was first out on 111 but Ramprakash went on to score 108 and Gatting 83 as the visitors amassed 426, Liam Botham taking one for 83. Hampshire were left with a target of 394 to win in what amounted to a day and a half but by the close they had struggled to 109 for five.

Kent v Nottinghamshire

## Walker steps up

NYONE would think Matthew Walker did not like batting. His only views on cricket in the game's Who's Who concern the inadequacy of the lunch and tea intervals. "Lunch should be an hour and tea 35 minutes," he declares.

minutes," he declares.

His performances this year tell a different story. He came into the Kent side at the beginning of the mouth and scored 57 and 15 against Worcestershire, followed by 40 and 11 not out against Northante Them came 275 Northants, Then came 275 and 43 against Somerset, both not out, and 59 against Glamorgan — 500 runs at an average of 125 before this match.
The chunky left-bander was

at it again yesterday. He held the innings together after los-ing his opening partner David Fulton for a fifth-ball duck and seeing Trevor Ward de-part low with only 23 on the board. He had made 49 out of 107 when he edged Chris Tolley to Wayne Noon, who took an excellent left-handed

Carl Hooper will be at the centre of Kent's attention this morning. He is 41 not out in a total of 108 for three in reply to Nottinghamshire's 214. The third-wicket stand of 84 between Walker and Hooper gave Kent a narrow advan-tage on a pitch responsive to seam, and this is a match Kent badly need to win. They are idle next week when all their title rivals, who are

making better progress in the current round of matches, are in action. Nottinghamshire resume yesterday on 40 for three and only Paul Johnson, so difficult to bowl to, offered prolonged resistance. At lunch they were 153 for five, with Johnson cutting and pulling his way to an unbeaten 78, but after the interval they lost three wickets in only three

Johnson was among them ottom-edging a delivery from the impressive Matthew Fleming on to his stumps. He made 84 from 101 deliveries, hitting 14 fours. Martin McCague (four for 55) and Fleming (three for 34) were the most successful

### Lloyd calls for more swagger from England

DAVID LLOYD, the England coach, has demanded a more passionate display from his young oneday side as they atter win the one-day Texaco Trophy this weekend. England, who face Paki-stan at Edghaston today and Trent Bridge tomor-

row, won by five wickets at Old Trafford on Thursday. Lloyd said: "The style was there at Old Trafford but now we want a bit of swagger as well. Pakistan are a fanatical team with fanatical supporters and I would like a slice of that for

our team. "It's important to show on the field that we're all together, we're out there as a team. It tells the opposireter Martin and Adam

Hollicake, the two players left out on Thursday, may be given a chance today. Ed Giddins confirmed yesterday that he would not appeal against his 20-month suspension for cocaine use. The Sussex seamer also said he is considering offers to play in South Africa, the West

Indies and Australia.

### | Derbyshire v Worcestershire

## A for Adams?

Paul Fitzpetrick at Chesterfield

S one of the most con-Asistent, and certainly most improved, batsmen of the summer the 26-year-old Chris Adams must now be close to booking his place on England's A tour to Australia this winter.

On a day when Derbyshire played themselves within sight of an eighth champion-ship victory, Adams compiled his sixth hundred of the season, a high-class effort which comprised blistering shotmaking with a good

Only Peter Kirsten, who scored eight centuries, and John Wright and Mohammad Azharuddin (seven apiece) have scored more hundreds for Derbyshire in a season than Adams and there is still time for him to overtake the three of them.

His 123, which included 25 off one over from Lampitt, a peroyshire total of 471, an see Worcestershire, 100 runs improvement of 233 on worcestershire's effort.

It was not the color of the was the major contribution to It was not the only Derby-

shire hundred, though. Tim O'Gorman also looked a bats-man of high class yesterday, albeit against a modest attack; Moody's six for 82 were his best figures for the

time ramming home their ad-vantage. Weston was palpably leg-before to DeFreitas and Curtis fell in similar fashion to Malcolm, who still looked on a high after learning that President Nelson Mandela had agreed to act as a patron on his testimonial committee. Then came the real break-through. Catches do not come better than the one O'Gorman

took in the gully to dismiss Hick off DeFreitas and, six overs later, Krikken scooped up another down the leg side to remove Moody; Solanki also departed to a third fine catch in the slips by Adams. There does not look a mas-ive amount of resistance to

come; it is possible that Illingworth, who has a broken hand, might not be called on to bat; and it is impossible to

### Yorkshire v Essex

### Hussain the hustler

David Hopps at Headingley

F the logic of leaving Nasser Hussain out of England's one-day squad had not been immediately apparent, Essex found little cause to question its wisdom as his Derbyshire wasted little exuberant assault on Yorkshire's bowlers brought further impetus to their championship challenge.

It is not unknown for a dropped international star to return morosely to the county ranks but Hussain revelled in his opportunity. Two ac-claimed Test hundreds against India had represented his only first-class centuries of the summer but his 158 yes-terday on a dubious surface more than redressed the balance for his county.

Hussain benefited from a deplorable Yorkshire performance. Their fielding was lax treacherous bounce and sharp turn more so, with only Hamilton and White emerging with much credit.

about it with purpose. Before | sive championship wins.

lunch Essex scored 194 in 37 overs (Graham Gooch emerged from a light weights session to find they had added 100) and redefined the match.

White eventually bowled them both though Vaughan's Flussain on 98 when he chipped to long-off where Stemp, in sunglasses on an overcast day, fluffed the chance. Stemp had the sort of day

that could wreck his prospects of an England A tour. He barely turned a ball and did nothing to remove the suspicion in high places that he rides heavy punishment about as well as a three-yearold rides a bike.

Peter Such's off-spin was a different proposition. He hounded Yorkshire with a spell of control and menace, having Vaughan leg-before to a forward prod, dismissing the left-handed Byes at slip.

McGrath at bat-pad. Yorkshire, 119 for five at the close, lead by 37. It will take an astounding turn-There was still much bat-ting to be done, however, and prevent Essex achieving a Hussain and Prichard set | county record of six success

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## Top Welsh clubs join threatened breakaway

Robert Armstrong on the latest revolt in for Bath to be undertaking a massive £1.75 million wages the Principality on the eve of a new season

the example of their English counterparts in threatening a mass breakaway from their union on the eve of the new season. As players in both countries prepared for today's opening league games, the clubs declared that the new Anglo-Welsh competition would go ahead next month with or without the ap-

proval of their unions.

While the English game was taking a deep breath at the start of the most unpre-dictable season in its 125-year history, the Welsh clubs started a fresh offensive against the Welsh Rugby Union, which they have accused of wrecking their chances of a viable commerial future with sponsors and television. Both the Welsh and English clubs are incensed by a lack of detail from their unions on the likely dis-tribution of this season's

"The Welsh clubs fully sup port the English clubs and ea-gerly anticipate the creation club rugby into an exciting future," Peter Thomas, chairman of First Division Rugby Limited in Wales, said yester day. Thomas's "new order" could well be a joint adminis trative body set up by the clubs to take over the chief powers and responsibilities of the WRU and RFU.

A joint statement issued yesterday by the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) and FDR Limited suggested there has been consid erable cross-border collusion with the aim of supplanting the unions. The statement said: "As with Epruc's decision earlier in the week, indi-vidual clubs in Wales with memberships will be asked to seemed feasible at that time

EADING Welsh clubs | give their approval to the yesterday stunned Brit-plan [to run their own af-ish rugby by following fairs]. But, given the reported disillusionment throughout Wales at the relationship with the WRU, there seems to be every likelihood the plan will

be approved."

Yesterday Tony Hallett, the RFU's secretary, was optimis-tic that agreement could be reached with England's disaffected clubs. However, a num-ber of sentor club officers emed resigned to the fact of a breakaway within three weeks, by which time the members of wavering clubs will have been consulted. The loss of confidence in the capacity of the RFU to bring its warring factions together and mend broken fences with the other home unions over their unpopular BSkyB television deal has been profound. One club secretary said: "Twickenham is like a tottering drunk waiting for the

knock-out punch."
It is ironic that the existence of the RFU, which has promoted the commercialisation of rugby in the Nineties, should be seriously threatened by its leading clubs, who today parade a world-class array of talent that reflects the power of unfettered market-forces. The rich men like Nigel Wray, Chris Wright and Sir John Hall, who have begun to mould club rugby into a multimillion-pound entertainment business, have indicated they want to be shot of the game's "amateur" administrators.

No one would have predicted last winter that the final Saturday of August would witness Michael Lyn-agh and Philippe Sella turn-ing out at Enfield FC with Saracens to strut their stuff against Bob Dwyer's new-look Leicester; nor would it have

bill in an attempt to repeat their league and cup double and lift the European and Anglo-Welsh trophies for

good measure. Perhaps the greatest shock to union traditionalists has been the alacrity with which rugby league professionals like Henry Paul, Gary Con-nolly, Jason Robinson and Va'aiga Tuigamala have hired out their unique skill to

leading union clubs Up and down the country with clubs like Harlequins, Newcastle and Richmond spending furlously. Millions of pounds have been shifted from one account to another before a ball has been kicked. The time has come, though, for the players, not the acrooms buzzing.

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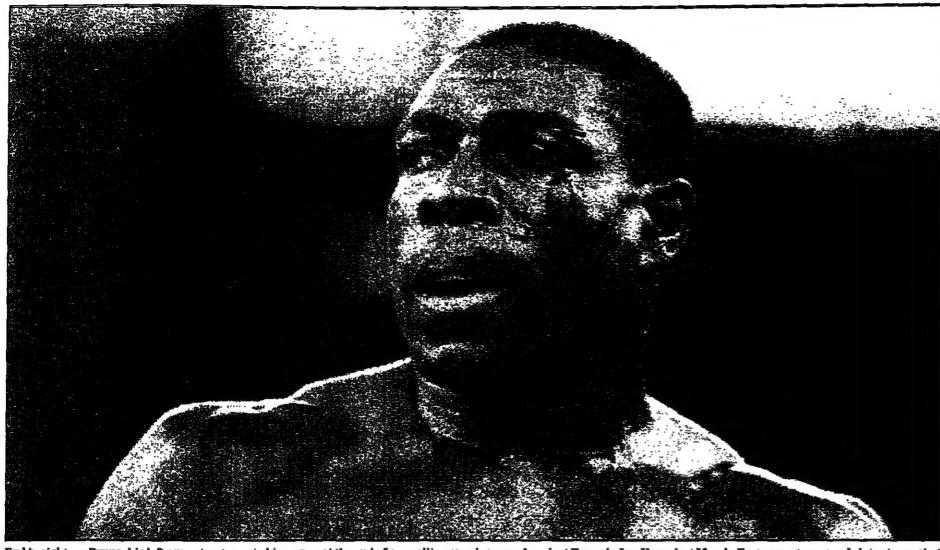
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## Eye specialist counts out Bruno's career

Richard Williams welcomes the retirement of the persistent heavyweight who became world champion at the fourth attempt

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week a leading specialist told spending more time with his him that further blows could detach the retina of his right. The announcement was

O MORE will Frank Bruno's face be half-hidden behind dark glasses, his battered eyes protected from the flash-bulbs on the more important than a world heavyweight reign as a world heavyweight representative. The eyes held the key to his decision to bow out at the age of 34 after a professional region as a world heavyweight refers to the residual needed a needed bulbs on the morning after a | champion, Bruno yesterday | 38 by knock-out. Earlier this | immediate plans, beyond

eye, and that he would thus made yesterday morning, be denied a licence to box.

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> which left no doubt that the end had come. Bruno held one of the three major world titles during a period in which the credibility of heavyweight boxing was probably at its lowest level in living memory. The François Botha and Bruce Seldon, were similarly uncon-

three-round performance

vincing; all three danced on the end of strings pulled by the egregious Don King. Yet, like Henry Cooper be fore him, Bruno managed to make the transition in his nation's consciousness from prizefighter to personality. shrewdly trading on a studied inarticulacy which charmed millions, creating a marketable character and a handy slogan: "Know what I mean,

Bruno, whose father came from the Dominican Republic and mother from Jamaica, was brought up in Wands-worth, south London. An oversized, unruly child, he was packed off to a special school in Sussex, where he hecame head boy and began to imagine a better life for

Professor David McLeod the specialist who gave him the bad news this week, had

**Quiz answers** with Cilaton: Oas lthout Lia 6. (c) Frank Skinn 7. Julia Carling 8. (b) Island 9. Botham: son of 10. (b) James Hewitt 11. (c) Everyday Oper tions: a video of NHS

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13. (c) Liam Collins (aged 4) of Nottingham. The housey castle got out of control. "All children make a noise when they are play ing," explained Mrs Collins 14. Chris Lewis: dropped by England's cricket selec-tors after turning up late because of a flat tyre. 15. Jacques Chirac — by his wife Bernadette. Score 1 for each question

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enabled him to undertake a professional career in the seemed lost to the world of first place. In 1980 the British pantomines and TV game four attempts on the title, he genital myopia. McLeod knew that only two hospitals in the iamaged by a series of come world were equipped to reclast March, earning a tify the problem, and it was reported £4 million for a on his advice that Bruno set

> lombian surgeon performed the operation.
> Guided by Terry Lawles and Mickey Duff, Bruno made his professional debut in 1982. Within four years he fought for the world title, losing to Tim Witherspoon in the 11th round at Wembley. In 1989 he challenged Tyson for the first time, losing in five rounds in

out for Bogota, where a Co-

let him box on. His credibility, severely

back victories over hand-picked stumblebums, was restored in 1993 by the courage he showed while losing in seven rounds to the younger, more skilful Lennox Lewis in a fight for the WBC title at Cardiff Arms Park. After a spirited start his

stamina failed to such a degree that night that many experienced commentators called for his immediate

He took no notice, and two no means entirely unkind.

champion, welcoming the prospect of a last big payday. More than 5,000 fans travelied from Britain to Nevada to witness his second and

final meeting with Tyson on could have failed to notice the apprehensive air with which the British fighter entered the ring to meet his smaller. lighter but infinitely more

dangerous opponent. "it's a rough game," he remarked the next morning, reflecting on defeat from be-hind the black-rimmed shades before flying back to his Essex mansion and the sure, but in Bruno's case by

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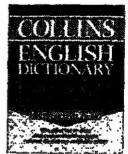
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